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TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS

The first 133 pages of this book are prepared to make possible easy tracing of each person back to his earliest known ancestor. This is done by the insertion of numbers before and after each name. The first is the number assigned to the individual, the second to his or her parent.

To show how this works: On page 36—

341. DONALD LESLIE CULBERTSON (258) means Donald is the son of Number 258. That happens to be LOIS ARLENE AMES (135) which means she is daughter of Number 135. VERN ELVIN AMES (whose assigned number is 135) is son of Number 44. That one turns out to be JOHN B. AMES (14) so further reference to Number 14 locates WILLIAM AMES on page 31 as son of (11). This takes you to page 5 where NEHEMIAH AMES is listed as Number 11.

With Nehemiah as first ancestor, then WILLIAM is his son, JOHN B. is his grandson, VERN ELVIN his great grandson, LOIS ARELEN is great-great granddaughter. DONALD LESLIE CULBERTSON is thus great, great, great grandson of NEHEMIAH AMES.

Beginning with page 134, however, the original numbering was abandoned—it became impossible to fit the numbers into the original scheme. Therefore, the use of Arabic 1 in large type, indicates the parent of the entire chapter or section, lower case letters are used for the first generation, roman number for the second, letters again the third, and continued alternation thereafter. Children are grouped under the parents just like an outline would work:

1. Jabish Gilead Ames on page 136.
 - a. Elizabeth May Ames on page 139
 1. Fern Harbeson on page 139
 - a. Barbara Reid on page 139

A word should be added about the appendix.

Beginning on Page 222 you will find information which has come to the writer's attention while the book was in

process of printing. This is itemized according to the page number of the original entry to which the addition, alteration, or deletion should be made.

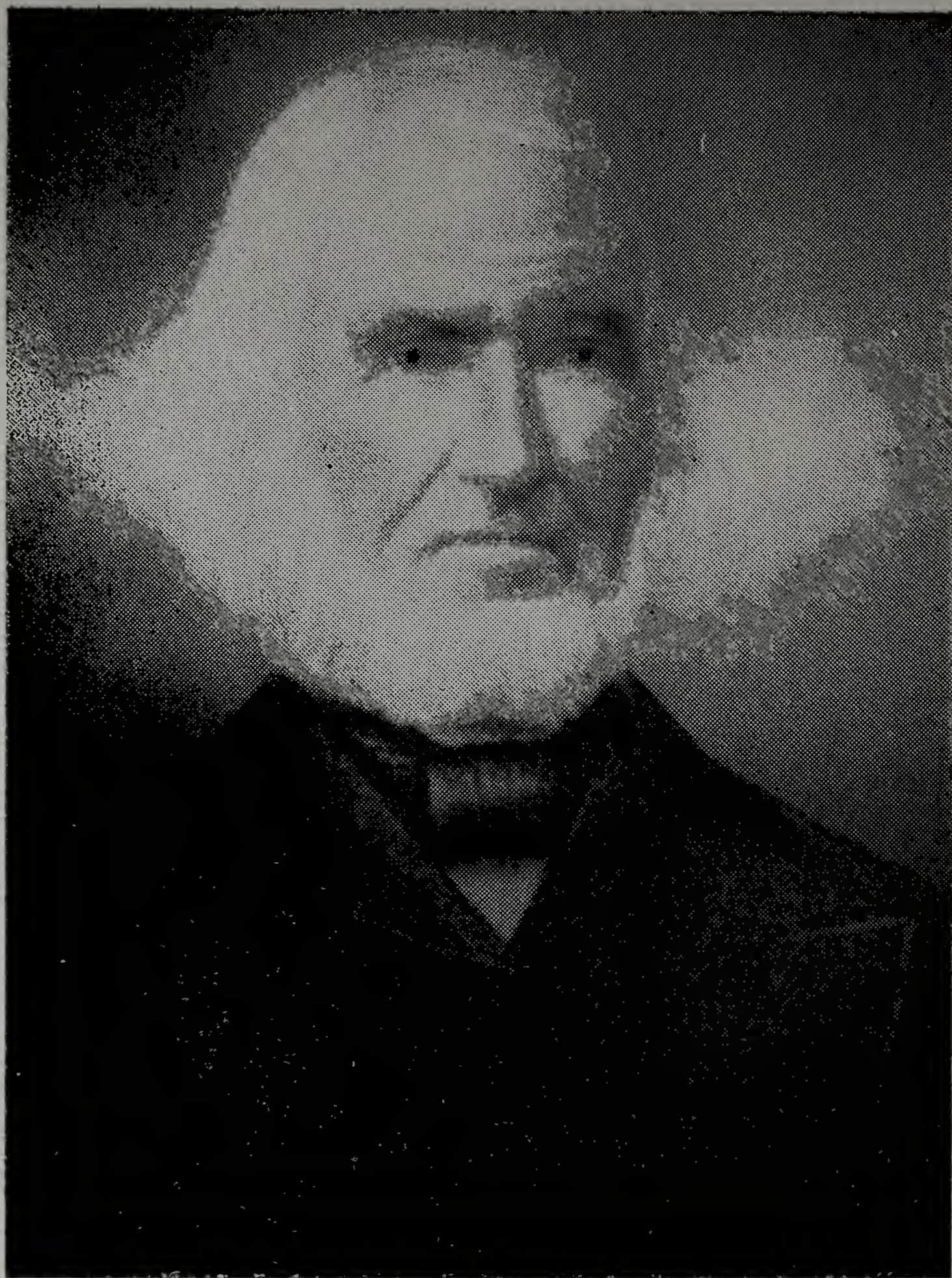
For example, the items about JOHN G. AMES and SARAH JANE AMES on page 137 in the body of the book are incomplete. Turning to page 225 of the appendix, you will note entries for PAGE 112, 119, 127, 131, and 137. Continuing through to page 228 you will find additions and corrections to the book's page 137. Then reference to page 141 begins. By reading both page 137 in in the body and the reference to page 137 in the appendix, you will have information as it existed in mid-1959.

The index in the back of the book lists all page numbers where a name is to be found—both in the body and in the appendix.

As an appendix of 19 pages grew while the book was being printed (including the names of three of the writer's own grandchildren), so, during the time needed to work up the 16 page index and write the introductory pages of the book enough additional information has arrived by mail and by accidental discovery to make several additional pages. Obviously, an appendix to the appendix is impractical, so this material is being filed away and put in order. It will be included in a supplement for later printing and sale to purchasers of this book at exactly the cost of production.

Those additions and alterations which seemed most important to a correct understanding of the book as already printed are listed on pages "m" and "n" under the title ERRATA and ADDENDA. This is really a supplement to the appendix and is listed by page number for quick reference, but it is not included in the index.

*To Those Helpful People
Who Answered My Letters
and
Furnished Information
That Made
This Book Possible
“Ames Is the Name”
Is
Respectfully Dedicated*



NEHEMIAH AMES—1792-1884

From framed picture hanging in attic
at actual site of his residence

Courtesy Charles Byers

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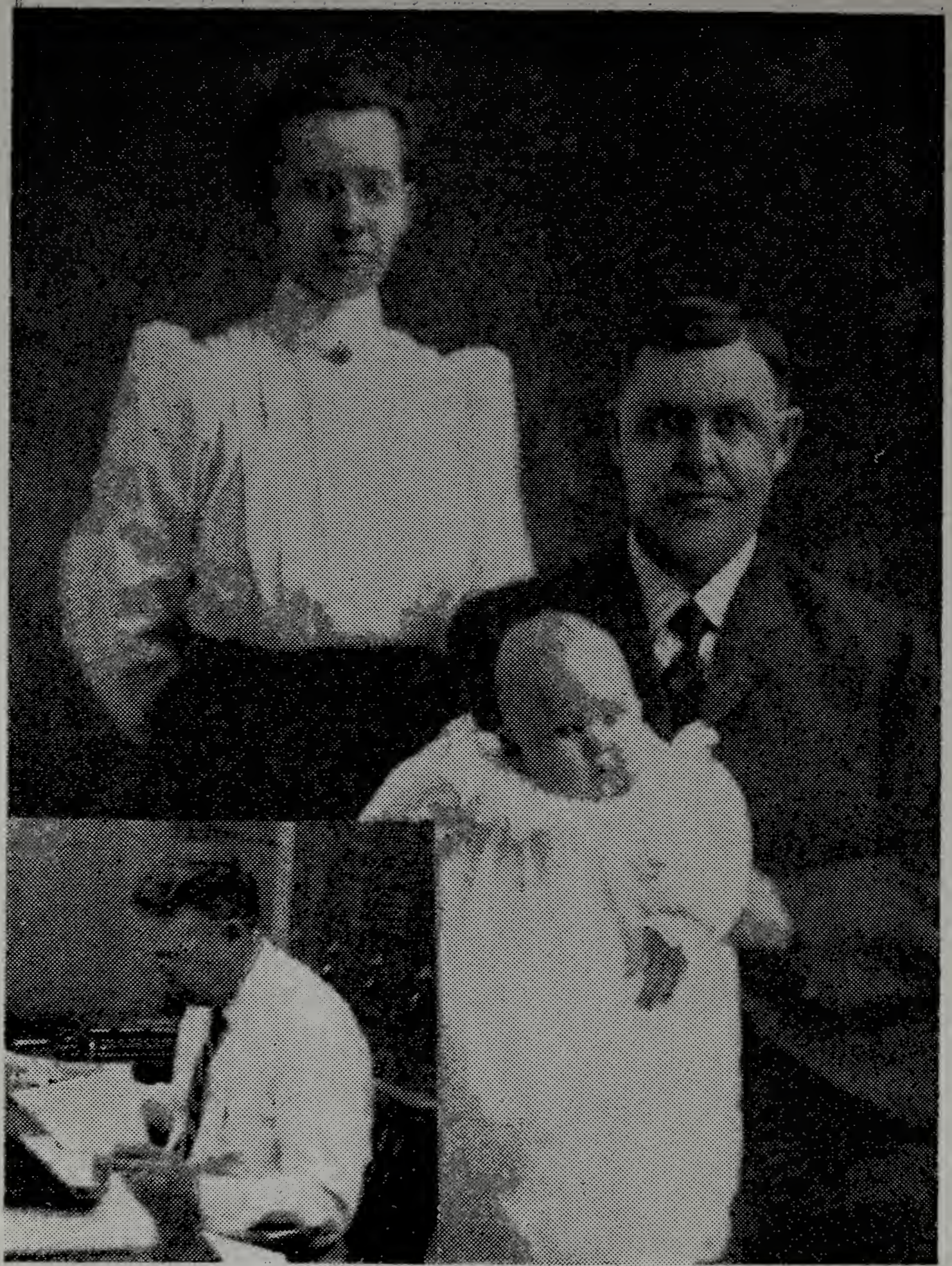
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NOAH H. AMES—1866-1928
and MARY LOOMIS AMES—1873-1945
with infant son, RICHARD D. AMES—1905-
author of this book

Inset—Author at his desk in 1958
(See pages 54-56)

FOREWORD

Most of the worth-while things in life come into existence because of an accident—or at least because of necessary changes in man's original plans." No more irrefutable proof of this statement exists than the appearance of this book in its present form.

The decision was made in 1954 to erect a family tree for the newly-announced, and then only prospective, first grandchild. Five years and four grandchildren later it had assumed book-size—but the family tree which had been originally planned was still incomplete.

It is a part of the irony of fate that the AMES lineage, though most prominent and best known of the eight basic families involved, is the only one which cannot be traced with positive and proved evidence to its European origin. In fact, if the establishment of ancestry for the Ames family had been easy, no such book as this would have been printed.

There is probably no name in the United States which has so many diversified points of origin, and in which so many different unrelated groups exist as brothers in the eyes of the world.

Among the writer's other three grandparents for example, each exists as a variant of another name. Dutterer is a derivative of Dodhari and has cousins by the name of Doder, Dotterer, Dutrow, Dudrow, etc. Beery is one form of spelling for Bieri, and includes as cousins, the Beree, Beri, and others. Loomis is derived from Luhmgalls, and has relatives spelling it Lomas, Lomax, and Lomis.

This is the common experience in genealogical study. Through ignorance or prejudice, an already existing name is changed in spelling and all future descendants cling to their parents' variation. Reference to Chapter XIV on page 181 and the chart on 180 will reveal the fact that the AMES name is exactly opposite to this.

Because of the dozens of origins from which AMES families came, the original technique of tracing every

lineage eventually became impossible to continue. The brief review of Ames pioneers in America, beginning on page 187 reveals the diversified origins which were studied before the process was abandoned. The writer has descendants in most of these families traced down into the 1800s.

A reversal of the procedure led back to New York State in 1760 where Jabez Ames was born. A stonewall stood at that point though, since nearly every Ames descendant who came from New York seemed to emanate from families that settled there after 1790. Early New York records are so incomplete as to be inconclusive in any positive degree. The city council minutes, revolutionary papers, and marriage records, however, revealed the material printed in footnotes to pages 207 and 208.

About this time letters from Kansas and Arizona brought the information printed on page 206. Personal research and contact in Philmont, N. Y. tied all this together to create chapter 16, beginning on page 203.

To deny the royal origin of our lineage is to make liars out of living descendants in the middle west. Their statements are as reliable as those used by other genealogists, although unsupported by documentary evidence. It must be remembered that illegitimacies SELDOM have substantial proof—they are facts which are concealed rather than published.

While hesitating to accept this surprising Royal background, the writer read a statement by a professional genealogist which declared in substance: "Almost every American family which has British origin and has been eight generations in this country, will find one of its lineages to originate in one of the royal lines of Scotland, Ireland or England—legitimate or illegitimate." Further investigation revealed that the very Scottish lineage involved—the Stuart or Stewart line—had dozens of illegitimacies which had been acknowledged and recognized.

Taking heart from this discovery, the writer pursued the point, worked out the lineage shown in Table 22 on page 210, and stumbled onto the anonymous Quaker

missionary, William Ames, whose story is revealed in Quaker records. His close association with the royal-born Prince Rupert, and his apparent deep sympathy with Charles 1 of England, lent considerable credence to what otherwise is only a theory. His activity and death in Holland and Germany where our known ancestor Absalom Ames found his wife, gave circumstantial if not positive evidence for further study.

Further research in Quaker records located the George Ames and Susannah George married in New York—followed about 20 years later with the sudden appearance of AIM, AME AYME and EAMES families in New York City. Whether, as stated in the book, Absalom and his wife Margaret came to America with their children—or remained in continental Europe may never be known. That Absalom was our last European and George our first American ancestor, is pretty positive.

There is a persistent tradition that we had an ancestor who was associated with William Penn—and another that our first ancestor in this country came as a stowaway and sent back for the other members of our family. William Ames, the Quaker missionary, was a friend of Penn's and George Ames appeared without evidence of having come on any ship as a recognized immigrant—followed soon after by the AIM and kindred families in New York City.

The lineage, James I, William Ames, Absalom Ames, and George Ames is supported by more evidence than was the case against Bruno Richard Hauptmann in the Linberg baby kidnapping and murder case—and Hauptmann was executed for the crime.

The greatest shock came to the writer when, after years of study in DAR records, he discovered that our ancestors were Loyalists and refused to participate in the Revolution. Ours are the only AMES ancestors who failed to fight for freedom. Other branches covered themselves with glory—Fisher Ames, patriot and friend of Washington; John and David Ames, manufacturers of guns and ammunition; Generals, Colonels, Majors and Captains named Ames; all are included along with hundreds of privates and noncoms.

Shocking as this fact was, it gave further support to the royal descent, and added more evidence similar to William Ames' close association with the King's army in England. What else would you expect from a Royal lineage than that it would be Tory in its sympathies?

What started out, then, to be a simple family tree for a grandson, has become instead a shocking story of illegitimate birth in a royal family and refusal to espouse the cause of freedom in Revolutionary times. That, in a word, is the surprising story of the origin and development of this book.

An apology is due for the lack of uniformity in style throughout the book. This has arisen in the greatly expanded form it has taken. It will be noted that the number code used for tracing ancestry back to the earliest possible point continues only through page 133.

There are two reasons for this. (1) The wealth of new material suddenly made available by the accidental discovery referred to on page 134, made it impossible to continue the same system of numbers without reprinting the entire first 133 pages. Since the book is a "labor of love" and will never return to the writer even one-half of the actual cash outlay—such a loss was obviously impossible. (2) The material that came in was so spotty and spasmodic that even if the number code had been attempted, every new letter received compelled new research at the Library of Congress and National Archives building and would have immediately caused a revision of existing code numbers.

As an example—the material on pages 136 to 138 came in several months before that on 139—but the information arriving late included additions, deletions and revisions of the earlier data. Two different sources of information gave the basic data on pages 151 to 154, each including a few changes in matter already assembled for pages 134 to 150. The complete reworking of the Dorsey Pentescost Ames lineage in a third document came so late it was placed in the appendix rather than reprint the section involved.

Further, the distinct probability has existed constantly that the Elisha Aimes referred to on 160, the Henry Aimes on 161 and the John Ames on page 164 (one, any, or all of them) might suddenly in one lucky moment be discovered to belong somewhere back between pages 134 and 150. This would have upset any number schedule already established.

Many things can happen in five years (the time between first printing and final publication of this book) and this fact, together with the use of school facilities to reduce cost, is the only apology needed to account for the inevitable irregularities which will be noted.

ERRATA AND ADDENDA

Page 5—Nehemiah Ames stopped in Holmes County, Ohio between 1840 and 1845. However, on November 25, 1845 he purchased 80 acres from William Mann for \$140 and on August 3, 1853, he added 40 acres formerly owned by Peter Mills (for which he paid \$156).

Page 7—Nehemiah Ames' second wife is listed in marriage records as SARAH JONS.

Page 25—Harmon Ames married Eliza Edson on November 11, 1875. Earl S. Ames was born to them on February 9, 1887.

Page 26—The Defiance, Ohio, marriage records list Mary Harrois as MARY HARRIS.

Page 27—Otis N. Ames married Eliza Stewart on January 7, 1863.

Page 33—William Ames married Barbara Ann Himes on January 1, 1863.

Page 51—The family name of Andrew Ames' wife is listed at the County Seat as being EMMA KISABETH.

Page 54—The birthdate of J. Wilbur Ames is March 5, 1885.

Page 56—Charles B. Huyett, son-in-law of the writer, was elected to the Maryland State Legislature in 1958 and will serve in that capacity until 1962, as delegate from Washington County, Maryland.

Page 60—Winfield Scott Ames died in the winter 1958-59 after a long illness. The widow was not in good health when this was being written. He was the last of the 14-child John C. Ames family to die and was the only one of the children to survive to a greater age (86 years) than either of the parents.

Page 112—John Ira Ames (630) should be John Ira Ames (623).

Page 124—Edna May Ames was born May 26, 1897—a typographical omission in the school print shop.

Page 137—It has been established that Josiah Absalom Ames settled in Indian Creek Township, Anderson County, Kansas, with his wife, SARAH E. The couple was childless in 1880—and correspondents assure the writer that no children were born to them at any time.

Page 162—Samuel Ames, son of Henry and Margaret, was born in 1807 and appeared in Springfield Township, Williams County, Ohio with his wife (Eleanor or Elina). He bought the northeast quarter of section 27 on February 21, 1846 and sold it December 17, 1850. Children included George 1833, Henry 1834, Nancy 1840, Calvin 1843 and Deborah 1845. Calvin married Olive Amanda Taylor April 18, 1868 and then seemed to disappear. His wife, however, gave a quit claim deed to clear up title difficulties on September 29, 1886. She was then living in Clay County, Indiana.

Page 164—Nathaniel Ames was born in 1832. William Eldbridge Ames was born September 17, 1870.

Page 240—Ernest F. Ames was located in the writer's census research in states beyond the Mississippi River, and more details are being sought. He still uses the "i" in the family name (as Washington County, Pa., Ames descendants declare it should be). Ernest was married in 1880 and had a small family.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL FOR THE FIRST THREE CHAPTERS

William Ames took up 40 acres of Wabash Canal land on April 20, 1848 and settled in Highland Township, where he married Hannah Groves August 28, 1853. He was joined by Chancy Ames and his wife Polly (apparently his father and mother). Chancy was born in 1803 in New York State and Polly in 1805 in Pennsylvania. William, their first son, was born in 1831, and married as above indicated. Other children included Robert 1838, Polly in 1841, Mary Ann 1843, Myron 1845 and John 1849. Chancy died by 1855, for the widow had married Jonathan Huntsman and gave a quit claim deed on the property to James Jackson on November 4, 1855.

Delia Ames, Cleophrene Ames, Grant G. Ames, Mortimer W. Ames, Eleanor Ames, and Adin Ames are other names listed in county records of Williams and Defiance—with little reference to place, origin or final destination. Adin is listed as being born in Vermont in 1815, with wife Lucinda born in 1820, brother Alonzo born in 1828 and John in 1846. Most of these people appeared suddenly and disappeared—or were entirely gone by 1860.

PART I.
SONS OF NEHEMIAH

*The Story
of the
Ames Family
in
Northwestern
Ohio*

One Hundred and Nine Years
1846 - 1955

PREFACE

"What is the badge of true greatness?" I asked half aloud as I stood before a small marker in a remote graveyard in northwestern Ohio. It had taken me nearly three months to learn this man's name, and another similar period of time to gather some of the details of his remarkable life. A week of intensive searching among historical records, of questioning the oldest living relatives, of walking to and fro among the tombstones in the cemeteries of two counties, had brought me in desperation to this well-kept, but seldom used burying place.

No living person was certain as to the details of this man's last illness and burial.

"Greatness?" I raised my eyes to the sky and, as though wafted on the gentle breeze of that warm June afternoon, came some answers which really arose in my memory:

From Washington, D. C., where a tall obelisk seemed to say, "To be a powerful general and first president of a free nation—that is greatness."

From Kentucky and Illinois came the words, "To rise from obscurity and ignorance to a position of leadership where you can save your country from division, and re-unite conflicting elements again under one flag—that is greatness."

From a concert hall in New York City, beautiful classical music seemed to be saying, "To transform tiny marks on a sheet of paper into majestic harmony through the blending of a hundred musical instruments—that is greatness."

And in the dying hands of a humble composer, the words, "dear friends and gentle hearts," title of an unwritten song, seemed to echo the philosophy of the life of Stephen Foster, which was: "To catch the heart-throbs of a million people and record it in simple songs anyone can sing—that is true greatness."

"Greatness?" My eyes turned again toward the well-kept grave. "What is YOUR claim to greatness, oh great grandfather of mine?"

The notebook in my hand and the inscription on the simple marker could talk now—and they did:

"My name is Nehemiah Ames. I was born in a log cabin in Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1792, one of the eight children of Jabez and Elizabeth Smith Ames. Mine was a long life, for it was ninety-two years later before

they brought me to this place. Mine was a fruitful life—I married three times and became the father of nineteen children, sixteen of whom grew to maturity, married, and had families of their own. My youngest son, David was born when I was eighty-two.

“Personally I have no claim to greatness. I never made any great discoveries nor created any world-shaking inventions. I did not enter political activity, neither did I make long addresses or write thrilling books. I simply came to Ohio with my first wife, Frances Craven Ames, and our children in 1846.

“We enjoyed a happy life together until she died in 1855 and was buried here next to my grave. We had a family of twelve children.

“My second wife was a young woman, and died at thirty-three, leaving me a widower again after only a few years. She is buried here on the other side of Frances—her name was Sarah Ann (Eyen) Ames. Eliza (Roan) my third wife was also a young woman—we had six children before my long life came to an end.

“If you are looking for greatness, you will need to search into the lives of those who are my descendants. The only badge I wear is the honor I can share with them.”

Again my mind wandered—to other people and places:

To the state of Illinois where a minister labored for many years in the cause of Zionism, for the ministerial association and in the regular duties of a pastorate.

To the state of Michigan where an elderly man has turned to dairying after a long and useful life on the railroad.

To the state of Indiana where a man is selling sporting goods after years of baseball umpiring.

To the city of Bryan, Ohio, where a long term of public service as City Mayor, postmaster and in the treasurer's office only recently came to an end.

To the town of Hicksville, Ohio, where a hundred houses and other structures provide shelter and employment for hundred of people in buildings erected by two of the descendants.

To Ohio City, Ohio, where a man presides over the electrical power transmission and provides light and power for an entire village.

To Washington, D. C., where a young lady recently graduated from college with a music major and her father and mother are teaching in the public schools.

To the state of Kansas where a General Store is now being operated by the third generation in a small town.

To Montpelier, Ohio, where four young people have created entertainment for thousands through their musical talent.

To a hundred or more farms scattered throughout Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, where the daily necessities of life are provided by hard-working men and women of the soil.

To many of the family of Maxwell and Otis, as well as others whose Ames identity by name is lost, but whose blood relationship is as real as that of any who use the Ames surname.

In all of these achievements this almost unknown and certainly unsung patriarch must claim a share.

"Can the greatness of any one man be measured only by his own achievements," I asked myself. And the answer is too obvious to be repeated. The activities of sixteen children who became adults, the experiences of hundreds of grandchildren and thousands of other blood relatives, would be sufficient to multiply the greatness of any man or woman.

Such is the greatness of Nehemiah Ames, and it is the theme of the first part of this book.

1.

A Journey Into The Wilderness

The last of the Indians had only been gone from Northwestern Ohio for three years when Nehemiah Ames and his sons came from Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1846 to make their homes there. Two of the sons, John and James, were in Wayne County, Ohio in 1848, but came farther west in or just after 1850. Nehemiah, himself, and the rest of his family came to the heavily wooded and almost unsettled territory near the Indiana State Line—now Hicksville, Farmer and Milford Townships.

Ten years previously only 1,000 persons had lived in all of what is now several counties. Defiance, seat of government for the larger territory in the earliest days, headed what is now Defiance County after the change in 1845—Bryan became county seat of the northern half.

Nehemiah Ames and his sons were among the first to move into the brand new counties. Farm homes were often miles apart in those days.

11. NEHEMIAH AMES was born in a log cabin in the hill country of Washington County, Pennsylvania, on September 24, 1792. Son of Jabez and Elizabeth Smith Ames, he on November 29, 1814 married FRANCES CRAVEN (born September 22, 1794 or March 2, 1795).^{*} They had already been blessed with twelve children in 1846 when they moved into the Ohio wilderness.

^{*} Two different birth dates are given in available records, one on the tombstone and the other in a family Bible.

TABLE I

NEHEMIAH
AMES
9-24-1792

Married
11-29-1814

FRANCES
CRAVEN
3-21-1795

Unnamed Infant

James Ames
4-26-1817

Mary Ames (Harmon)
1-18-1819

William Ames
11-2-1820

Eliza Ames (Maxwell)
10-28-1822

Hannah Ames (Ocker)
1-7-1825

Leonard Ames
1-1-1827

John C. Ames
5-28-1828

Theophilus Ames
10-24-1830

Harvey D. Ames—6-6-1845
Alva Ames—9-19-1847
James Ames—1849
Harmon Ames—1851
Mary Ann Ames (Skelton)
Otis Ames—1860
Enos Ames—1863
Kitty Ames (Thiel)—1866
Belle Ames (Lawrence)—1868

Franklin Ames—1844
Leonard Ames—11-25-46
Isabella Ames—1848
William R. Ames—5-13-1849
Amanda J. Ames—1857
Mary F. Ames—1860
John B. Ames—10-27-1863

Mary Ann Maxwell—1843
Jane Maxwell—1845
Frances Maxwell (Greer)—1847
Isabella Maxwell (Warner)
William Maxwell—1849
Frank Maxwell—9-25-1855
James Harvey Maxwell—9-12-1861
Eliza Maxwell (Elliott)

Andrew Ames—12-23-1855
Emanuel Ames—2-20-1857
William Ames—2-8-1858
Franklin Ames—11-18-1859
Ephraim Ames—1-15-1862
Mary C. Ames (Nye)—9-9-1864
Noah Ames—2-27-1866
Jeannette Ames (Limpert)—3-28-1868
U. S. Grant Ames—11-24-1870
Winfield Ames—2-16-1873
Hasey Ames—7-12-1875
Sarah F. Ames "Dollie" (Warfield)—
3-11-1877
Carrie Ames (Moore)—8-12-1881
Nellie Ames—1884

James Ames—1854
Orville Wilbur Ames—2-14-1856
Mary Ames—1858
Oliver Ames—1860
Charles T. Ames—5-20-1862

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TABLE I (continued)

Nehemiah Ames— 3-11-1833	Emanuel Ames—9-1-1857 Frances Ames (Lee)—2-16-1859 John Ames—1860 (a bachelor) Hannah Ames (Beetler)—12-8-1862 Loretta Ames (Otis)—1-13-1864
Julia Ames (Hulbert)— 12-24-1835	Clinton Hulbert—1859 Clariseen Hulbert—1860
Henry Ames 10-15-1839	

Frances Ames died 5-15-1855

NEHEMIAH AMES 9-24-1792	Married 6-16-1857	SARAH ANN EYEN 4-12-1827
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George W. Ames— 5-24-1858	Florence Ames (Humphfres)
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Sarah Ann Ames died 5-23-1860

NEHEMIAH AMES	Married 5-24-1861	ELIZA ROAN 1842
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Betsy Ames (Byers)— 4-20-1862	Rena Byers (Hoblutzel)—1-8-1878 Charles Byers—1879 Maude Byers (Underwood)—4-26-1885 Julia Byers (Cameron)—1887 Carmie Byers (Hutchins)—1890
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Delilah Jane Ames— (Keller)—7-9-1864	Chester F. Keller Ward Keller Leland Keller Vera Keller
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Ransom and Leander-
Ames—12-28-1866

Oscar Ames— 7-24-1869	Arthur Ames—2-2-1898 Grant Ames—3-8-1899
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David Ames— 3-18-1874	John D. Ames—1899 Josephine Ames Charlotte Ames
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Nehemiah Ames died 11-17-1884

An unnamed boy was still-born on February 14, 1816.

12. JAMES AMES (11) first son of Nehemiah and Frances Ames, was born April 26, 1817, and was already married, with a family, when Nehemiah came to Defiance County. He settled first in Wayne County, Ohio, but later moved to Pulaski, in Williams County. To learn details of his life and family, read Chapter II.

18. MARY AMES (11) first daughter of Nehemiah and Frances Ames, was born January 18, 1819. She married Henry D. Harmon in 1836 and moved to Michigan. She had died before 1866, but no other information has been gathered.

14. WILLIAM AMES (11) was born October 27, 1820 or November 2, 1820,* married Jane Maxwell and settled north of Bryan, Ohio. The first wife, and mother of six children, born August 9, 1818, died on May 22, 1862. A second wife, Barbara Ann, bore one son before William died August 7, 1865. For details see Chapter III.

15. ELIZABETH AMES (11) was born October 28, 1822 and married William Ray Maxwell. The full story of her family is told in Chapter III.

These two families represent, with James and his family, a remarkable amount of relationship between the Ames and Maxwell families.

16. HANNAH AMES (11) was born January 7, 1825 and on February 2, 1845 married Abraham Ocker, born in 1822. They then moved to Butler,

* Two different birth dates are given in available records, one on the tombstone and the other in a family Bible.

Indiana. Together they raised a nephew and niece, Harmon and Mary Ann Ames, children of James Ames and Mary Ann. These were the two youngest children in that family at the death of Mary Ann, the mother. (See Chapter II).

17. LEONARD AMES (11) was born January 1, 1827, dying August 10, 1829.

18. JOHN C. AMES (11) was born May 28, 1828, married Sarah Dutterer and settled in Hicksville Township to become a prominent citizen there. His was the largest family born to any of Nehemiah's children. The full story of his life and family will be found in Chapter IV.

19. THEOPHILUS AMES (11) was born October 24, 1830, married Phebe Hulbert October 14, 1852, and had five children. However, typhoid fever killed both father and mother in 1863 and the surviving children were adopted by Otis, Hulbert and Ryan families.* See Chapter V for further details.

20. NEHEMIAH AMES (11) was born March 11, 1833, married Eliza Dutterer and had five children. He enlisted in the Union Army February 25, 1864 and died while in the service of his country June 27, 1864. The full story is told in Chapter V.

21. JULIA AMES (11) was born December 24, 1835 and according to census records married

* Census records for the year 1870 indicated:

James Ames (1854) living with John Ryan.

Orville Wilbur (1856) living with Edward Otis.

Mary Ames (1858) living with Jared Hulbert.

Oliver Ames (1860) was not recorded in 1870.

Charles T. Ames (1862) living with Sanford Hulbert.

All these families were relatives of the Ames group, as reference to Chapter V will reveal.

Oren Hulbert* September 6, 1957. They had two children, 77 Clinton and 78 Clarissen Hulbert. Julia died sometime before 1866.

22. HENRY AMES (11) was born October 15, 1839, dying April 12, 1862 at the age of 22.

BARBARA HIMES AMES was born August 11, 1843. She is listed as wife of Oren Hulbert,* but died July 7, 1871.

It was with the wife and these twelve children that the 54-year-old Nehemiah came WEST in 1846. Nine years later, the mother of his large family died—April 15, 1855. She had lived to the age of 60 years, six months and 23 days, according to the most reliable birth-record.

To many men this would have been the signal for retirement—for Nehemiah at that time was 63. However, the five years that followed would have been exciting for a man half his age. On June 16, 1857 he married Sarah Ann Eyen, who was only 30 years of age (born April 12, 1827) and she bore him one son.

23. GEORGE AMES (11) was born May 24, 1858, the only child of Nehemiah and Sarah Ann Ames. He married and moved to Illinois. One daughter has been born.

79. FLORENCE AMES (23) has married twice and now lives in Illinois. She first married a Keller and second a Humphres. Other information on her life is delayed and will be included in chapter six or in the appendix.

* The 1860 census recorded Julia as wife. In 1870 the census listed Barbara Ann as wife and included John B. Ames (1864) and Harley Hulbert (1868) along with Clinton and Clarissen. Barbara PROBABLY was the second wife and widow of William Ames (see 14) since her name was Barbara and she was mother of the John B. Ames who was living with the Hulbert family in 1870. Her name is inserted here because, a daughter-in-law of Nehemiah, she replaced his daughter Julia in the Hulbert family.

On May 22, 1860, Sarah Ann died and left Nehemiah a widower the second time in the brief period of five years, one month and seven days. Since his daughter Julia had married Oren Hulbert, we find the father, son George, daughter Julia, son-in-law Oren, and grand children 77 Clinton and 78 Clarissen, living together late in 1860. Surely this would at last mean retirement—Nehemiah was past 67 years of age.

But Eliza Roan, born in 1842,* and younger than many of Nehemiah's children, was destined to be the third wife of the aged patriarch on May 24, 1861. She was only 19, two or three years older than some of Nehemiah's grandchildren. Nehemiah was scheduled to be father of six more children before his life would end.

24. BETSY AMES (11), first child of Nehemiah and Eliza, was born April 20, 1862. She married David Byers and settled in Farmer Township. The full story of her family is told in Chapter VI.

25. DELILAH JANE AMES (11) was born on July 9, 1864 and married Frank Keller.

Children born to this union included 85 Chester F. Keller, 86 Ward Keller, 87 Leland Keller and 88 Vera Keller. Further information will be printed in chapter six or in the appendix at the end of the book.

26. RANSOM AMES and LEANDER AMES were born December 28, 1866, but they died only three days apart on the 21st and 24th of September the next year.

* The exact birthdate is unknown. Census records of 1870 listed her as being only 28 years of age.

27. OSCAR AMES (11) was born July 24, 1868, married Ella Worthington and had two sons. He died April 14, 1938. The wife was born April 12, 1877, and died April 6, 1911. Children were:

89. ARTHUR AMES (27) was born February 2, 1898, and married Hester MacDunbar. They live in Detroit.

94. BETTY JEAN AMES (89) died at the age of three years.

95. ROBERT AMES (89) was born December 8, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan. He married Dolores M. Coviets on September 16, 1950. Robert had 15 months overseas duty with the 84th AAA in Okinawa.

90. GRANT AMES (27) was born March 8, 1899, and married Jessie Beck June 30, 1935. They live in Defiance, Ohio.

28. DAVID AMES (11) was born March 18, 1874 (when Nehemiah was all of 82) and married Josephine Dorsey. The wife died in 1905, at which time the daughters were adopted by the Lott family. They moved to Columbus, Ohio.

91. JOHN AMES (28) was born in 1899 but he died in infancy.

92. JOSEPHINE AMES (28) was born about 1901. She was adopted by a Lott family, when her mother died.

93. CHARLOTTE AMES (28) was born about 1903. With her sister Josephine she was adopted by the Lotts when her mother died.

It was ten years later, on November 17, 1884, that Nehemiah Ames, pioneer, patriarch, and ancestor of thousands, ended his long and fruitful life. He was 92 years, one month and 22 days of age at the time of his death.

His body was interred beside the first two wives in the Kent Cemetery, near the Milford-Farmer Township borderline in Defiance County, Ohio.

Eliza, the third wife married a man by the name of Carlisle and died on March 3, 1912.

Nineteen children (12 sons and seven daughters) called him father. Sixty-five others arose in another generation to be his grandchildren. The graphic story of this growth in numbers is revealed in Table I.

Nehemiah Ames was the first in his lineage to permanently adopt the present spelling. While still in Pennsylvania the records of his name, and those of other members of his family, had many variations. EAMAS, EAMS, EAMES, AIMES, and EMAS spellings were frequent about the year 1800, and soon there after.

Nehemiah first appeared in the census records of Washington County, Pa., in 1820. Spelling his name NEHEMIAH EAMAS,* he had one son and one daughter at the time and lived in Somerset Township. In 1830 he was NEHEMIAH AMES and had three sons and three daughters, still living in Somerset Township. In the 1840 census the spelling was NEHEMIAH AIMS and he was in West Bethlehem Township. He had five sons and three daughters.

He was in Farmer Township, Defiance County, Ohio, in 1850, with the census record simply saying N. AMES and recording him as being 58.

* The census record for 1820 has it overwritten to indicate that "Amas" was the first entry, changed at the request of Nehemiah with "Ea" written over the "A" so the "Eamas" and "Amas" both showed clearly to the reader. Older residents in Washington County say, however, that some of their ancestors insisted the name should have an "i" in it to read "Aimes." This latter spelling was very frequent among the descendants of Joseph Aimes who settled in Accomac County, Virginia and appears once or twice in New England families. Members of Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire families changed it from Eames to Ames back and forth constantly for generations. The Eamas spelling occurs nowhere except in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Previous to this, Nehemiah was merely recorded as the oldest son and second child in the family of Jabez and Elizabeth Smith Ames.

TABLE II

JAMES AMES	married	MARY ANN MAXWELL
4-26-1817	10-11-1840	10-11-1840

Harvey D. Ames——— 6-6-1845	Martha Alwinda Ames—8-4-1866 Miriam Eliza Ames—10-7-1867 Laura Ett Ames—2-21-1869 Otis Lee Ames—7-11-1872 Olive Pearl Ames—7-24-1874 Flora Ames—3-24-1876 Emma Viola Ames—4-2-1879 Levi W. Ames—3-24-1881 Richard D. Ames—3-9-1884 Benjamin F. Ames—1-25-1887
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Alva Ames—	Annabelle Ames—4-3-1876
9-19-1847	Cora Mae Ames—1877
	Bert W. Ames—8-30-1878
	Charles R. Ames—2-18-1884
	Dora Ames—4-9-1886
	Irvin L. Ames—1887
	Alva Eston Ames—11-18-1891

James Ames—1849—

Harmon Ames—1851—	Charles Ames
	Cora Ames
	Earl Ames

Mary Ann Ames——	Inez Skelton
(Skelton)—1853	Charles Skelton

Mary Ann Ames died 9-25-1857

JAMES AMES	married	MARY PERTEE
4-26-1817	5-5-1859	2-13-1835

Otis Ames—1860—

Enos Ames—9-30-1862 Ray Ames—8-9-1896

Catherine Ames (Thiel) (Kitty)—11-28-1865	Olive Thiel—4-22-1893 Carl Thiel—10-12-1897 Lois Thiel—3-3-1900 Melvin Thiel—6-15-1903
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Belle Ames (Lawrence)
11-16-1867

Mary Ames died 2-21-1892

James Ames died 5-6-1897

2.

Like Father, Like Son

The law of inheritance doesn't apply merely to material possessions; frequently the oldest son receives a birthright of character as well. The case of Nehemiah Ames and his first born son is one in which certain traits and tendencies show in reasonably accurate parallel.

Both were born in Pennsylvania, both moved to the State of Ohio, both had large families, both lost their first wives about the same time, both married more than once, both had second wives the age of their own children, both established their residence some distance from the parental home, both lived far beyond 70 years.

12. JAMES AMES (11), oldest son of Nehemiah and Frances Craven Ames, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1817. In 1844 he preceded his father and brothers into the almost virgin territory in Ohio. His wife when he married on October 1, 1840 was Mary Ann Maxwell (born August 9, 1818) and their three oldest sons were born in Wayne County, where the family resided for a few years.

Conflicting stories are told about the period between 1850 and 1860, but census records show the family in Paint Township of Warren County in 1850 with Mary Ann the mother; in 1860 they were in Pulaski Township of Williams County, Ohio, with Mary (the second wife) the sons, and a new-born baby with "No Name*" recorded.

* This was so poorly written in the census record that it could have been NEAHIMA or NO NAME or NOSAMES. The child, probably was the son of Mary by her first marriage—but may have been Otis. (See No. 34.)

during August by the census takers. Mary Ann died September 25, 1857 and the younger children were taken to raise by the aunt, Hannah Ocker, of near Butler, Indiana.

Reference is made to 32 Harmon Ames and 33 Mary Ann Ames, more complete details on each being supplied later in this chapter.

The new wife and mother was born February 13, 1835, in Shenandoah, Virginia and raised four children to make a sizeable family of her own. The three oldest sons, the two adopted children, and the four half-brothers and sisters of the second marriage, created three distinct family units which seemed almost unrelated just as the children born to Nehemiah's three wives had seemed to live in different worlds a generation* before. The first child by the first marriage was Eliza but she died while she was very young.

29. HARVEY D. AMES (12) was born in Wayne County, Ohio, June 6, 1845. He enlisted in the army during the Civil War January 12, 1864, receiving his discharge July 12, 1865. On October 7, 1865 at Defiance, Ohio, he married Hannah Jane Cisco (born at Mantua, Ohio, February 9, 1844.)

After living 19 years near Bryan and Farmer Center, Ohio, they moved to Walton, Kansas where her brother, J. M. Cisco lived. Seven children accompanied them. Flora had died in infancy and Martha, who was married, stayed in Ohio. Harvey tried farming, then started a general store, which was continued into three generations and

* But Nehemiah's third marriage was actually later in time than James' second. The word "generation" is genetic in meaning but unrelated to the calendar in its time measure.

is still in the family. He died April 16, 1908 at the age of 62.* Mrs. Ames lived in Walton until her death on April 26, 1925 at the age of 81. They had ten children.

101. MARTHA ALWILDA AMES (29) was born at Farmer Center, Defiance County, Ohio, August 4, 1866. On May 18, 1884 she married George Dickerhoff (born July 6, 1862 at Cicero, same county.) He died at his home in Walton, Kansas, August 9, 1888, only 26 years of age. One child was born:

201. GEORGIA CHRISTOLIA DICKERHOFF (101) was born on February 22, 1889, six months after her father's death. She married Chris Heer on May 24, 1909, but died May 10, 1916, aged 27 years. Chris Heer now lives at Hope, Kansas. Two children were born:

301. GEORGIA ELIZABETH HEER (201) was born September 22, 1910.

302. DONALD LEROY HEER (201) was born June 20, 1913. Both children are living at Green, Kansas.

Martha Ames Dickerhoff married Elias P. Newman on September 7, 1890. He was born February 27, 1856, at Flemingsburg, Ky., and died in Havensville, Kansas, January 14, 1904, aged 47 years. Two children were born:

202. OLIE JANE NEWMAN (101) was born November 6, 1891 and married T. J. Poague June 23, 1908. Two children were born:

303. HAZEL IRENE POAGUE (202) was born February 20, 1909.

304. THOMAS GALEN POAGUE (202) was born August 19, 1921.

203. HAZEL ELIZABETH NEWMAN (101) was born February 27, 1900 and married James McCort, September 14, 1916. To this union one child was born:

305. JACK MELVIN McCORT (203) was born August 26, 1917.

* They moved to a farm four miles north of Walton and Mr. Ames decided to open a meat market in the town. He walked the four miles daily for over a year, then moved his family to town. When two of his sons were old enough to help, he added grocery stock. The store was known as "Ames & Sons." It continued to operate till his death, and it was taken over by L. W. and R. D. Ames who conducted it as "Ames Brothers" for eight years until it was totally destroyed by fire December 31, 1916. The store was rebuilt and has continued for three generations in the same family. It is now in charge of Mrs. Ethel B. Ames and her son Ross Ames.

On July 1, 1919, Hazel divorced James McCort, and on February 11, 1929, she married Harold H. Brindley. One child was born:

306. YVONNE BRINDLEY (203) was born December 6, 1922.

Martha Ames Dickerhoff Newman on July 7, 1910 married John S. Newman, who had been born at Flemingsburg, Ky., on December 20, 1854. Twenty-four years later she died on March 9, 1934, aged 67 years.

102. MIRIAM ELIZA AMES (29) was born at Farmer Center, Ohio on October 7, 1867. On February 7, 1894 she married C. D. Bartholomew (born October 27, 1870 at Sunbury, Pa.) Miriam died July 2, 1950. Three children were born:

204. EDWARD LEROY BARTHOLOMEW (102) was born December 16, 1898 and was married to Irene Monfile at Topeka, Kansas, November 1, 1923.

205. GLADYS PEARL BARTHOLOMEW (102) was born August 29, 1904 and was married to Conway Davis on June 28, 1923. Three children were born:

307. ORETA VIRGINIA DAVIS (205) was born May 7, 1924.

308. CONWAY MAX DAVIS (205) was born June 30, 1925.

206. NAOMI ELEANOR BARTHOLOMEW (102) was born August 25, 1911. She is married and living in Peabody, Kansas.

103. LAURA ETT AMES (29) was born at Farmer Center, Ohio, February 21, 1869. On April 9, 1893 she married Joseph Hackney who was born August 26, 1871 in Highland Township, Harvey County, Kansas. She is now living in Delta, Colo. Three children were born:

207. HARVEY A. HACKNEY (103) was born September 12, 1894 at Peabody, Kansas and was married December 17, 1921 at Atchison, Kansas, to Gertrude Hurburt, who was born August 8, 1904 at Blue Rapids, Kansas. Harvey served in World War I and is now living at Henry, South Dakota. One child was born:

310. GLADYS VIOLA HACKNEY (207) was born June 21, 1923.

208. LILLIAN M. HACKNEY (103) was born June 7, 1896 at Peabody, Kansas and was married to Willard T. Utt on August 5, 1915. He had been born on May 8, 1885. To this union five children were born:

311. ORVAL L. UTT (208) was born at Walton, June 5, 1916 and died August 31, 1917.

312. ELDA ANTIONETTE UTT (208) was born at Walton, May 13, 1918.

313. ROBERT WILLARD UTT (208) was born February 23, 1920.

314. WALTER LESLIE UTT (208) was born at Montrose, Colorado, May 26, 1922.

315. LILLIAN MAYE UTT (208) was born at Montrose, May 11, 1924.

104. OTIS LEE AMES (29) was born at Farmer Center, Ohio on July 11, 1872. November 20, 1901 he was married to Marie Louise Jamieson (born at Auburn, Illinois, September 14, 1874.) The marriage took place at Horton, Kansas. There were no children. Mr. Ames worked for the Rock Island Railroad until he retired, then lived in Kansas City until his death on January 2, 1953. The widow lives at 5125 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, Mo.

105. OLIVE PEARL AMES (29) was born at Farmer Center, July 24, 1874 and married S. D. Newman at Newton, Kansas, January 6, 1896. Before she was divorced from him on November 8, 1917, they had three children. She died April 11, 1949 at her home in Delta, Colorado.

209. IVA PEARL NEWMAN (105) was born November 7, 1896 at Soldier, Kansas. She married H. Tappy, July 17, 1915 in Oklahoma, and died at Newton, Kansas on July 19, 1916.

210. HARVEY LEE NEWMAN (105) was born February 19, 1899 at Holton, Kansas and married Carrie Brown March 2, 1919 at Little Rock, Arkansas.

211. WALTER CLYDE NEWMAN (105) was born August 21, 1902 at Holton, Kansas.

106. FLORA AMES (29) was born March 24, 1876 at Bryan, Ohio and died just before her first birthday, March 5, 1877.

107. EMMA VIOLA AMES (29) was born at Bryan, Ohio, April 2, 1879. She was married to Myron E. Glenn, March 13, 1907, who was born at Walton, Kansas, September 16, 1882. To this union were born six children.

Myron Glenn died January 27, 1948 at Newton, Kansas. Mrs. Emma Ames Glenn now lives at 123 S. Lafayette St., Denver, Colo.

212. JENNIE LUCILLE GLENN (107) was born January 15, 1908 and died at her home January 25, 1908, only ten days old.

213. MILDRED MARIE GLENN (107) was born January 21, 1910, at Walton.

214. MAURICE MARION GLENN (107) was born March 14, 1912 and died three months later, July 30, 1913, at Walton.

215. WILLIAM WOODROW GLENN (107) was born March 25, 1917, at Newton, Kansas.

216. BONNIE LOUISE GLENN (107) was born June 27, 1920, at Newton.

217. ROMA LORENE GLENN (107) was born May 27, 1923 at Newton.

108. LEVI W. AMES (29) was born at Farmer Center, Ohio, March 24, 1881 and was married May 8, 1912 at Kansas City, Missouri to Daisy E. Hawk, who was born in Butler County, Kansas, April 29, 1881. To this union were born five children.

Levi was first a partner in Ames Brothers store, then ran a filling station in Walton until his retirement. He is now living at Udora, Kansas.

218. LEVI WARREN AMES (108) was born June 5, 1913 at Walton.

219. MARIE ELIZABETH AMES (108) was born January 25, 1916 also at Walton.

220. A twin sister of Marie died at birth.

221. ROBERT GUY AMES (108) was born February 13, 1918.

222. RICHARD BENSON AMES (108) was born April 30, 1920.

109. RICHARD D. AMES (29) was the last child born at Farmer Center, on March 9, 1884. At a very early age he accompanied the rest of the family to Walton, Kansas, where he was married on April 13, 1909 to Ethel B. McMahan who had been born May 12, 1889. On his father's death he joined with Levi W. in forming the Ames partnership—then took over the store himself to run it for 49 years before ill health forced his retirement from business in the year 1946. Richard D. Ames died December 30, 1948. Ethel B. McMahan Ames

and her son Ross are running the store today. They have assembled the material for the Harvey Ames lineage and furnished it to the compiler of this book.

223. FLORENCE AMES (109) was born at Walton, Kansas March 26, 1910. On June 15, 1935 she married Arthur J. Boldenow, born March 2, 1902. She has a music degree, teaches private lessons, and plays the organ at her church. Two children were born:

316. GARY ARTHUR BOLDENOW (223) was born November 17, 1943.

317. SONDRRA KAY BOLDENOW (223) was born July 22, 1949.

The Boldenow family now lives at Newton, Kansas.

224. ROSS EVERETT AMES (109) was born at Walton, June 27, 1914. He was married October 1, 1939 to Leota Jeane Gentry (who was born January 13, 1915 in Kinkwood, Kentucky). To this union two children have been born. Ross, his wife, and his mother, are the third generation to participate in the operation of the Ames grocery and meat market in Walton. Ross served three and a half years in the armed forces before entering business with his father.

318. DARREL ROSS AMES (224) was born at Walton, March 8, 1946.

319. VICKY LYNN AMES (224) was born at Walton, April 8, 1950.

110. BENJAMIN F. AMES (29) was the only son of Harvey Ames to be born at Walton (January 25, 1887). May 19, 1909 he married Ruby Belle Owmbly, who was born October 26, 1889 in Walton. Six children have been born to this union. Benjamin helped his brother Levi in the filling station and later moved to the State of Indiana. He now lives at 4020 Fort Drive, West Riverside, California.

225. LELAND VERNON AMES (110) was born at Walton, October 16, 1910.

226. HELEN GAIL AMES (110) was born at Walton, February 8, 1914.

227. ALICE OPAL AMES (110) was born at Walton, August 9, 1916.

228. LOIS MARJORY AMES (110) was born at Peabody, Kansas, October 6, 1918.

229. OLIVE LUCILE AMES (110) was born at Walton, September 12, 1920.

230. ALVIN ALFRED AMES (110) was born at Walton, January 31, 1925.

30. ALVA AMES (12) was born September 19, 1847 in Wayne County, Ohio and on April 28, 1874 married Jennie Beeler (born March 22, 1847) a few months his senior. A thriving sawmill business was established at Pulaski. They had three children before her death on September 15, 1881.

111. ANNABELLE AMES (30) was born April 3, 1876 and lived only five years, dying on June 14, 1881.

112. CORA MAE AMES (30) was born in 1877. She died while still a young girl.

113. BERT W. AMES (30) was born August 30, 1878. When his mother died he lived for a time with his uncle JAMES near Hicksville, Ohio. In 1883 when his father remarried, he returned to Pulaski to live and was reared with the four children born to Mary Ellen and James. He joined the National Guard in Bryan and was called to active duty in the Spanish-American war, ranking as sergeant. He married Sylvia Smeltz (born March 9, 1882) on December 31, 1903. Beginning January 4, 1904 he enjoyed five years of service as sheriff. After that time he was in business, first as a partner in the Carroll-Ames Hardware, then as a Ford dealer until his death in 1922. Sylvia still lived in Bryan in 1954.

113a. ROGER P. AMES (113) was the only child born to this union. Arriving June 22, 1912, he married Marjorie Copeland on September 1, 1940. Roger is now buyer for the Lindsey Motor Sales Co. in the building his father BERT AMES built. Hugh Lindsey himself is a grandson of 14 William Ames. Two children have been born to Roger and Marjorie:

113b. ROGER COPELAND AMES (113a) was born July 9, 1942.

113c. BARBARA JANE AMES (113a) was born July 12, 1946.

The family of ALVA AMES, like that of both his father and grandfather, is divided into two units, one group by a first wife and another by a second marriage companion.

After the death of Jeannie, Alva on March 22, 1883 married Mary Ellen Miller (Supple) who was

born October 29, 1852, and who outlived her husband, dying in December 1938 at the age of 85. The larger number of children in Alva's family were born to this marriage. Alva died in 1919

114. CHARLES R. AMES (30) was born February 18, 1884, first son by the second marriage. He first married Eleanor Kumnick (born in 1884 and died August 7, 1932.) They had one son:

231. HERBERT K. AMES (114) was born March 8, 1912 in Bryan, Ohio. After studying law at Ohio State University, he passed the bar and practiced law in Bryan until his appointment as Assistant to Attorney General Thomas L. Herbert in January 1939. April 1942 he joined the Navy, first as an Ensign and then as a Lieutenant, Sr. Grade. May 19, 1934 he married Lucile Nelson, (born September 22, 1913. With the children, the family now lives in Bryan, where Herbert is attorney for the Aro Equipment Corporation.

320. PATRICIA K. AMES (231) was born June 27, 1941 in Columbus, Ohio.

321. HOLLY K. AMES (231) was born September 17, 1947, in Bryan.

After the death of Eleanor, Charles R. Ames on November 21, 1937, married Florence B. Arnold (born March 10, 1895.) Then, after considerable service in the Post office and many years in the County Treasurer's office,* he died June 7, 1953. His widow survives him and is living in Bryan, Ohio.

A commercial artist in Alabama for 15 years, Florence is employed at the Zoony Winzeler Company in Bryan. she has been very active in assembling material for the Bryan, O., descendants of Nehemiah Ames in this book.

115. DORA AMES, (30) born April 9, 1886, married U. S. Grant Ames, son of John Ames (who was a brother

* The term of his public service is noteworthy. First a rural mail carrier, he became postmaster in 1923 and served for 13 years before becoming a member of the Bryan City Council in 1938. Continuing his advancement, he became Mayor in 1940 and left that post in 1943 to become Deputy County Treasurer. He retired from this position in 1950. It was his honor to be Mayor during the Bryan Centennial celebration in 1940. Aside from these honors, he was civic minded, being charter member and first commander of the Arnold Post, American Legion named for the brother of Charles' second wife). An active Mason, he also played in the City Band as snare drummer for 20 years.

of James). For a record of their children, see chapter 4. On Grant's death, Dora married Frank Thompson.

116. EARVIN L. AMES (30) was born in September 1887 and now lives at Ney, Ohio. He married Clara Paula Schultz (born in 1892). One son was born before Clara died in January 1926. In May, 1943. Earvin married Carmon L. (born in 1898) and no children have been born.

232. CHARLES FREDERICK AMES (116) was born in August 1915. He married Dortha Burkholder and now lives at Oak Shade, Ohio. Dortha Burkholder Ames was born in July 1918. There are four children in the family.

232a. DORTHA AMES (232) was born in January 1938.

232b. VIVIAN AMES (232) was born in January 1939.

232c. FREDERICK AMES (232) was born in October 1941.

232. ROBERT AMES (232) was born on December 12, 1943.

117. ALVA ESTON AMES (30) was born November 18, 1891. He joined with HARVEY and DORA in continuing the large family tradition into still another generation. He is employed in Hicksville, Ohio now. He married Alice Bertha Parnham (born in 1889) and they have had the following children:

233. WILDA AMES (117) was born in 1913 and lived only a short time.

234. ANNABELLE AMES (117) was born in 1914 and married a man by the name of Gecowets, and they have made their home in Detroit, Mich.

235. RICHARD AMES (117) was born in 1916 and married Carrie Reader. They now make their home in Auburn, Indiana, where they reside with their children: Marsh, born in 1942 and Cheryl Ann, born in 1946.

236. GERALD AMES (117) was born in 1917. He married Joy Gustin and they now live in Bryan, Ohio. Their children are Gary Lynn, born in 1944, Alva Ray, born in 1948, and Dennis, born in 1953.

237. RALPH MAX AMES (117) married Ella Fisher and now lives in Payne, Ohio. He is employed in Fort Wayne, Indiana and commutes daily. Children are Jacqueline, born in 1950 and Ralph Max born in 1952.

238. FRANCES AMES (117) was born in 1921 and married Carl Wort. Their children are Timmy Allen, born in 1951 and Carla Jane born in 1953.

239. DOROTHY AMES (117) was born in 1924 and married Duke Messman. They have one son, Tommy, born in 1951.

240. DELORES AMES (117) was born in 1928 and married Bill Sutton. Mary Alice, born 1953, is their only child at the time this is written.

31. JAMES AMES, (12) namesake in this family, was born in 1849, also in Wayne County. In 1870, after the tragic death of his uncle, NEHEMIAH AMES, Jr., James was living on a farm near the widowed aunt and his cousins. Later he married Lucinda Babb (born in 1849) daughter of Mark W. and Mary Babb, and they lived on a farm just across the Indiana State line on the Hicksville—Fort Wayne road for many years. The large name on the barn was a landmark in the writer's life during his youth. James died in 1929. There were no children.

32. HARMON AMES (12) was born in 1851 and was raised by his aunt Hannah Ames Ocker near Hamilton Lake, Indiana. His children were

118. CORA AMES (32) of Angola, Ind.

119. CHARLES AMES (32), who died in California.

241. MRS. HAROLD CARPENTER (119) living at Fremont, Ind.

120. EARL AMES (32).

33. MARY ANN AMES (12) was born in 1853 and with her brother Harmon, was raised by Hannah Ocker. She married John Q. Skelton on February 15, 1880, and had two children. Mary Ames Skelton died February 1, 1927.

121. INEZ SKELTON (33) died in infancy

122. CHARLES SKELTON (33) married Maud Thurston Snyder in 1912. They had one child. The Skeltons still live in the Butler, Ind. area.

242. PAUL JOHN SKELTON (122) died at the age of five years.

After the death of Mary Ann and the move to Williams County, Ohio, JAMES AMES married

Mary Pertee Harrois.* She was a widow whose husband simply vanished, leaving her with a small child. As was the case with his father, he chose a young woman who was only a very few years older than his own oldest children. James and Mary raised the following children:

34. OTIS AMES (12) was born in 1860 and married a Steward girl in 1878, but she lived only one year. Then he spent much of his life with his sister Belle. No other data on his birth and life is available.

35. ENOS AMES (12) was born September 30, 1862 and married Mary Stuckey March 30, 1887. They had one boy and one girl before Enos' death December 25, 1930. Enos' widow married Clark Aument in 1933 and was left a widow the second time in 1938. She lives in Wauseon, Ohio.

123. RAY AMES (35) was born August 9, 1896. He moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he operates a factory. He has one son.

243. ROBERT AMES (123) now lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There is one daughter, "Pomona" in the family.

A daughter of Enos and Mary Ames was born December 28, 1897, but she has been dead for years and no other record is available.

36. CATHERINE MAY (Kitty) AMES (12) was born November 28, 1865. She married Charles Hugh Thiel on February 24, 1887. Son of Ernest and Catherine Thiel, he was born in 1868. They had four children before he died in June of 1932. Kitty lived to be nearly 80 years of age, dying April 28, 1945.

* Available records indicate Mary was born in 1835. That means she was only ten years older than the son, Harvey, and 18 years younger than James himself.

124. OLIVE C. THIEL (36) was born April 22, 1893. On October 5, 1913 she married Philo C. Cooley. They had three children before his death September 10, 1946. Olive now lives with her daughter Lois.

244. FORREST D. COOLEY (124) was born September 13, 1915 and on June 4, 1938 married Roberta Renand. Forrest operates a cement block plant at Swanton, Ohio. They have three children.

322. BRENDA KAY COOLEY (244) was born March 6, 1942.

323. ROGER LEE COOLEY (244) was born April 25, 1946.

324. ROBERT ALLEN COOLEY (244) was born July 18, 1948.

245. LOIS P. COOLEY (124) was born November 19, 1919. She married a man by the name of Penrod, and they had two children. Lois owns and operates the Home Restaurant in Archbold, Ohio.

325. DONALD R. PENROD (245) was born May 11, 1936.

326. DUANE E. PENROD (245) was born May 7, 1939,

246. HOLLIS D. COOLEY (124) was born May 13, 1922. On October 30, 1954 he married Marcelyn Blankenship. They live at Holland, Ohio, where he is employed by Barret & Co. of Toledo.

125. CARL THIEL (36) was born October 12, 1897. On December 19, 1917, he married Harriet White, born November 21, 1897. They operate "The Pastime," a lunch room in Bryan, Ohio. Two children were born.

247. JUNE E. THIEL (125) was born October 6, 1924. In October of 1946 she married Darrel Hoffman and they have two sons.

327. CRAIG HOFFMAN (247) was born December 1, '51.

328. KYLE HOFFMAN (247) was born November 1, '54.

248. HARRIET C. THEIL (125) was born June 20, 1926. August 11, 1946 she married Warren Brace and they have two sons.

329. KENT BRACE (248) was born May 9, 1950.

330. KARL BRACE (248) was born October 10, 1954.

126. LOIS M. THIEL (36) was born March 3, 1900. On June 28, 1924 she married Virgil R. Rath. They have had no children. The Rath Motel, Boynton Beach, Fla., is the business they operate at this time.

127. MELVIN O. THIEL (36) was born on June 15, 1903. In 1928 he married Carmon Ruth May. They

operate a resort at Nettle Lake, near Montpelier, Ohio. Four children have been born.

249. MELVIN GENE THIEL (127) was born February 19, 1929.

250. DORIS MAY THIEL (127) was born March 1, 1930.

251. JACK HUGH THIEL (127) was born September 28, 1934.

252. DONNA MARIE THIEL (127) was born April 23, 1937.

Since 1944 a phenomenal record of musical achievement has been made by the four children here mentioned. Beginning with Christmas of 1944 when the first guitar was bought and continuing the next summer when an accordion was made available, the two oldest children Melvin (15) and Doris (14) started to practice in earnest. The following Christmas a mandolin was placed in the hands of Donna (only eight), and by June of 1946 a Bass Viol was obtained for Jack (not yet 12 years of age).

Beginning with their success at Napoleon, Ohio in 1946, an unbroken record of achievement was under way. Using the name, "Circle T Ranch Gang" the four youngsters (ranging from nine to 17 years in age) became county fair, school, lodge, church, and farmers' institute favorites and were soon well known for their radio work over Northwestern Ohio stations, WTVB in Coldwater, Mich., and WOWO, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

When the parents moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1948, the youngsters (11 to 18 in age) played every day for a week in the World's Championship Rodeo, and played for CBS in Hollywood, Calif.

Returning to Ohio they continued their musical success, and were always booked for every available moment through 1950-1951. Although the boys are employed full time by Harper's Construction Company in Napoleon, Ohio, and Donna is just finishing High School, they average more than a dozen engagements a month. They play every Saturday night, in addition, at the dance hall located in Nettle Lake, Montpelier, Ohio—a resort owned by the parents.

37. BELLE AMES (12) was born November 16, 1867. She married Charles Lawrence, but after two years they were separated with no children born. For some time she made her home with her sister Kitty in Stryker, Ohio. Belle died in July 1948.

With this large family, James Ames succeeded in doing one thing his father Nehemiah failed to do—he outlived his last wife. Mary died February 21, 1892 at the age of 57. It was not until May 6, 1897 that JAMES AMES was laid to rest in a cemetery west of Bryan, Ohio.

Old as he was (80) his patriarch-father NEHEMIAH AMES had only been buried 13 years when the son's life came to an end.

TABLE III

WILLIAM AMES
11-2-1820

Married
9-22-1842

JANE MAXWELL
8-9-1818

George Franklin Ames
1844

Leonard Ames
11-22-1846

Isabella Ames (Hickox)
1848

William R. Ames——
5-13-1849

Nora Ames (Lindsey)
10-23-1877

Gertrude Ames (Brainard)
3-3-1879

Amanda Jennie Ames
(Brown)—1857

Earl Brown

Mary Frances Ames——
(Hickox)—1860

Dora Hickox
Claire Hickox
Lynn Hickox

Jane M. Ames died 5-22-1862

WILLIAM AMES
11-2-1820

Married

BARBARA ANN HIMES
8-11-1843

John B. Ames——
10-27-1863

Lulu Juanita Ames (Zimmerman)
3-26-1887

Vern Elvin Ames 2-15-1892

John Harold Ames 10-2-1903

Baby died at birth 11-12-1906

William Ames died 8-7-1865

Barbara Ann Himes Ames married Oren Hulbert

She died 7-7-1871

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The Maxwells and Related Families

Although it doesn't happen so often today, the records of two or three generations ago reveal a strong tendency for frequent intermarriage between two families in a community. One of the early Ames families in Massachusetts showed constant marriage with girls by the name of "Palimeter." Another did the same with the "Hayward" family.

Our own branch, after earliest members moved into Ohio, followed that same pattern. Although the Hulbert family figured prominently in the early marriages as reference to Chapter 1 will reveal, the contact was not nearly so dynamic as was that with the Maxwells.

Chapter 2 tells the story of one of these marriages—that of James Ames and Mary Ann Maxwell (the first wife). It will be the purpose at this time to reveal two additional families which cemented the two groups so closely that an Ames-Maxwell reunion was held at Hicksville, Ohio, for many years.

14. WILLIAM AMES (11) was born November 2, 1820 (the date may have been October 27) in Washington County, Pennsylvania. On September 22, 1842 he married Jane Maxwell (who had been born August 9, 1818). They remained in the Keystone State until the general exodus took place in 1846. Six children were born to this union before the wife and mother died May 22, 1862.

38. GEORGE FRANKLIN AMES (14) was born in 1844, probably in Washington County. He died in the Civil War.

39. LEONARD AMES (14) was born November 26, 1846, soon after the move to Ohio. He lived to the age of 20, dying December 27, 1866. He is buried near his father and mother in the burial plot west of Bryan, Ohio.

40. ISABELLA AMES (14) was born in 1848. Her name reveals the Maxwell connection, for she was named after a grandmother by that same name who had been born in 1793 and who was living with Ray and Eliza Maxwell in 1850—and was still listed in the 1870 census, meaning she lived to be more than 80 years of age. The name Isabella also appears in the family of Elizabeth Ames, who married a Maxwell. Isabella married John Hickox but there were no children in the family. John's brother Emil married Mary Frances, sister of Isabella Ames.

41. WILLIAM RAY AMES (14) was born May 13, 1849. On December 9, 1875 he married Martha Stuckman (born May 17, 1847). Two children were born to this union. William was a well known dairyman of the Bryan vicinity. He died on April 6, 1927. His wife had preceded him June 9, 1909.

128. NORA AMES (41) was born October 23, 1877. On May 22, 1898 she married Clarence Lindsey (born July 27, 1875). He was a well known farmer until his death in March of 1923. One son was born.

253. HUGH LINDSEY (128) was born October 31, 1900. On November 27, 1928 he married Audrey Makley (born October 29, 1904). He is a prominent auto dealer, owning his own business at this time. Four children were born.

331. GLORIA ANN LINDSEY (253) was born January 15, 1930. On July 28, 1954 she married the Rev. J. Louis Crandall, Presbyterian minister of Bryan.

332. HUGH MAKLEY LINDSEY (253) was born September 10, 1932.

333. JOHN ROBERT LINDSEY (253) was born May 17, 1938.

334. KRISTINE KAY LINDSEY (253) was born February 6, 1946.

129. GERTRUDE AMES (41) was born March 3, 1879. She married Pearl Brainard. They had one son before her untimely death June 27, 1906.

254. WILLIAM ROBERT BRAINARD (129) was born to Pearl and Gertrude Ames Brainard. He is married and has two daughters—they live in Moline, Illinois.

42. AMANDA JENNIE AMES (14) was born in 1857. She married Herbert Brown. They had one son.

130. EARL BROWN (42) was born to Herbert and Jennie, but died at the age of 19.

43. MARY FRANCES AMES (14) was born in 1860. She married Emil Hickox and they had three children. Emil is a brother of John, who married Isabella Ames.

131. DORA HICKOX (43) died some time ago.

132. CLAIRE HICKOX (43) moved to the far West. She is now living in Oregon.

133. LYNN HICKOX (43) was born in Williams County, but has moved to Mesopotamia, Trumbull County, in Northeastern Ohio.

When Jane Maxwell Ames died May 22, 1862, she ended the Maxwell-Ames intermarriage series in Williams County. Of course, the descendants still carry on. After her death William did not remain a widower very long. He married Barbara Ann Himes (born August 11, 1843) and they had one son, John. William died August 7, 1864 and on March 4, 1868 his property was sold and the

legal guardians* were named for the remaining children. In 1870, a Barbara Ann Ames was listed in census records as being married to Oren Hulbert. References to her indicate she was a daughter of Nehemiah Ames, Sr., but no family records include her birth—so she must have been a daughter-in-law (and the widow of William). At least she had JOHN B. AMES (the son of William and Barbara) living with her. It was a strange relationship: Oren Hulbert, the father; two children by a previous wife (Julia, daughter of Nehemiah Ames); a second wife, Babara Ann Ames Hulbert with her son, John B. Ames; and a son (Harley) born to Oren and Barbara, (who had the distinction of being second wife to two men—one a son, the other a son-in-law of Nehemiah Ames.) All this in spite of the fact she was 28 at the time of her death, and her total span of married life was less than eight years. Harley, a half-brother to the other children, was the only one of the four who was not a grandson of Nehemiah.

44. JOHN B. AMES (14) was born October 27, 1863. He was the only son of William and Barbara Himes Ames, and was not yet a year old when his father died. He was first placed under the guardianship of Timothy H. Himes, an uncle—then lived with his mother and step-father (Barbara and Oren Hulbert). On March 11, 1886 he married Elizabeth Zigler. For a long time he operated a

* William R. Ames was placed in the care of John Starn. Mary F. and Amanda J. Ames were in the hands of Daniel Thorp. Timothy H. Himes (probably a brother of Barbara Ann) was named guardian of John B. Ames. The legal papers authorizing this action were dated March 4, 1868. It was soon after that time when John was taken by his mother and placed in her home with three half brothers, as noted above.

dairy and ice cream business, delivering milk in huge cans and dipping the milk with a big dipper.

Late in 1925 he built four houses on East Wilson Street in Bryan—the beginning of a rental business that his descendants still carry on. In February of 1926 he moved into one of them, but his wife died less than a year later—December 10, 1926. He continued the building and repairing of houses for rental, and on June 12, 1928 married Zilpha Weldon. He lived at her home on East High Street in Bryan until his death on January 8, 1946, at the age of 82.

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The lineage that followed John B. Ames, in numbers of descendants, is greater than that of all the children born to William by the first wife.

134. LULU JUANITA AMES (44) was born March 26, 1887. On June 1, 1910, she married Fred Zimmerman, a farmer. Before her death April 19, 1919 she was mother of three children. The story goes that she was a victim of the old medical theory "fresh air is the best cure," and thus contracted pneumonia from exposure caused by wide open windows in her sick room during a serious attack of the "flu."

255. HELEN JUNE ZIMMERMAN (134) was born April 7, 1911. On June 9, 1940, she married Walter Bower. Before her death November 26, 1954, one daughter was born.

335. MARY ILENE BOWER (255) was born April 25, 1943. She lives with her father in Bryan.

256. RAYMOND ZIMMERMAN (134) was born May 9, 1912. On February 27, 1947 he married Marie Chandler. They have made their home in Edgerton, Ohio, where he is employed by the New York Central Railroad Co. Two children have been born.

336. EDWIN ZIMMERMAN (256) was born October 3, 1947.

337. STEPHEN ZIMMERMAN (256) was born March 23, 1953.

257. RUTH ZIMMERMAN (134) was born December 13, 1915. On January 19, 1941 she married John Murray. They own and operate an Electrical Service and Supply business in Bryan, Ohio. They have three daughters.

338. ANITA BELLE MURRAY (257) was born September 30, 1942.

339. JANICE MARIE MURRAY (257) was born November 7, 1946.

340. ROSE ANN MURRAY (257) was born April 18, 1948.

135. VERN ELVIN AMES (44) was born February 15, 1892. On February 15, 1911, he married Marie Edith Hendershot, who had been born September 7, 1892. After living on a farm for a few years, he went in 1925 to an auctioneer school in Chicago and thereafter became prominent throughout nearby Ohio, Michigan and Indiana as a sale crier, keeping also his farm. He also assisted his father in the building of rental houses and in 1943 moved to the city of Bryan. He has added a planing mill to his activities. Before his wife's death January 13, 1943, there were four children born.

258. LOIS ARLENE AMES (135) was born July 7, 1913.* In April of 1935 she married Howard Culbertson (born in 1914 at Washington, Ill.) In October of 1954 they moved to Phoenix, Arizona. Mr Culbertson works for the International Harvester Co. There are two children.

341. DONALD LESLIE CULBERTSON (258) was born August 9, 1939.

342. ELIZABETH ANN CULBERTSON (258) was born September 9, 1942. Her health has not been good, and Phoenix was chosen as a home by the family to assist her in her fight against illness.

259. FRANCES MARIE AMES (135) was born July 13, 1915.* On October 11, 1943 she married Thomas L. Keevil (born October 4, 1917 at Cincinnati, Ohio). He is employed by the Pet Milk Co. in Bryan, Ohio.

260. LULU JUANITA AMES (135) was born August 22, 1919.* On January 10, 1942 she married James O. Lowe (born October 22, 1912) at Montpelier, Ohio). He is a partner in the Lowe Brothers General Insurance Agency in Bryan. They have two children.

* 258, 259, and 260 above (Lois, Frances and Lulu) at a time when they were ranging from seven to 13 years of age, began singing under the name "Ames Sisters Trio." They continued for 25 years, 1926-1951. Esther, the younger sister, was obviously too young to join them.

343. JANE ELLEN LOWE (260) was born February 13, 1947.

344. JAMES OLIVER LOWE, JR. (260) was born July 26, 1951.

261. ESTHER LA VERNE AMES (135) was born February 21, 1925. On December 25, 1947 she married Dean Krill (born February 14, 1926 at Edgerton, Ohio). They live on and are operating the Krill family farm near Edgerton. Twin children were born:

345. JANET MARIE KRILL (261) was born May 29, 1951.

346. JERRY AMES KRILL (261) was also born May 29th, 1951.

136. JOHN HAROLD AMES (44) was born October 2, 1903. He married Mildred Shaul of Montpelier, Ohio in 1926. They moved from the family farm, where John B. had conducted the dairy, to their own home in Bryan in 1950. Harold worked for years with his brother Vern and his father John in the house building business. He now divides time between the housing and the farm management. Two daughters have been born.

262. ISABEL AMES (136) was born August 3, 1928 and on July 8, 1950 married Gerald Wetmore. He works at the Poynter Plumbing Co. in Bryan. There is one child.

347. STEVEN A. WETMORE (262) was born February 16, 1953.

263. LILA AMES (136) was born July 30, 1932. She is employed by the E. L. Flinn Inc., Accountants, in Bryan, Ohio.

A baby, born November 12, 1906, to John B. and Elizabeth, died soon afterward.

Another of the Maxwell families was that which resulted from the marriage of Elizabeth Ames and William Ray Maxwell. Most of these people settled in Defiance County—many in the general vicinity of Hicksville, Ohio.

15. ELIZABETH AMES (11) was born October 28, 1822 Just before her twentieth birthday, October 27, 1842, she married William Ray Maxwell, who had been born December 13, 1820, in

TABLE IV

ELIZABETH AMES	married WILLIAM R. MAXWELL	
10-28-1822	10-27-1842	12-18-1822

Mary Ann Maxwell
8-12-1843

Jane Maxwell
12-11-1845

Frances Maxwell (Grier)— 9-17-1847	Lena Grier (Cornell) Edna Grier (Kimbell) William Grier
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William Maxwell
8-20-1849

Isabella Maxwell (Warner)—Charles Warner
1-30-1854

Franklin Maxwell——— 9-25-1855	John Odie Maxwell 12-17-1879 William Oner Maxwell 6-13-1881 Loa Ethel Maxwell 9-3-1883 Bertha Lea Maxwell 12-31-1885
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James Harvey Maxwell— 9-12-1861	Grover C. Maxwell 12-12-1884 Clyde E. Maxwell 2-13-1886 Nona Maxwell (Getrost) 1-19-1890 Vera Maxwell (McCartney) 12-18-1892 Agnes Maxwell (Fetzer) 2-3-1896 Dorothy Maxwell 12-7-1898 Freda Maxwell (Shull) 11-9-1900
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Hannah Eliza Maxwell— (Elliott)—6-23-1864	Lola Belle Elliott (Moore) 11-24-1888 William Ray Elliott 3-11-1899
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Eliza Ames Maxwell Died 10-13-1864

Adams County, Pa. While still living in the Keystone State, the first two children were born. In 1846 she and her family accompanied the father Nehemiah Ames to Section 10, Hicksville Township, Defiance County, Ohio. Eliza died October 13, 1864, only a few days before her 42nd birthday. The following children were born:

45. MARY ANN MAXWELL (15) was born in Pennsylvania August 12, 1843 and died May 3, 1855, not yet 12 years of age.

46. JANE MAXWELL (15) was born December 11, 1845, also in Pennsylvania, just before the family came west. She lived only a little over 20 years, dying October 18, 1866.

47. FRANCES MAXWELL (15) was born September 17, 1847, the first of the family to be born in Ohio. On August 18, 1867, she married James Harvey Grier (born in 1846) and three children were born to them.

137. LENA GRIER (47) was first daughter of J. H. and Frances Grier. She married a man by the name of Cornell and they have had one daughter.

138. EDNA GRIER (47) was the second child. She married Elmer Kimbell. One daughter has been born.

264. FRANCES KIMBELL (138) married Verne Getrost. Two daughters and one son have been born, and they now live in Florida.

139. WILLIAM GRIER (47) married Lena Bricker July 2, 1901. Two children were born before his tragic death October 22, 1913.

265. KATHLEEN LEONE GRIER (139) lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

266. WENDELL ARDEN GRIER (139) lives in Florida.

48. WILLIAM MAXWELL (15) was born on August 20, 1849, three years after the move to

Ohio. He lived less than sixteen years, dying November 6, 1864. The hardships of those pioneer years showed in the early deaths of the first children.

49. ISABELLA MAXWELL (15) was next child of Elizabeth and William Ray. She was born on January 30, 1854 and married Frank Warner (born in 1849, son of Amos and Mary Warner). Only one child was born to this marriage.

140. CHARLES WARNER (49) married twice. One child was born by the first marriage—none by the second.

267. ELMER WARNER (140) married and moved to Chicago.

50. FRANKLIN MAXWELL (15) was born on September 25, 1855. March 11, 1879 he married Mary Tracht, whose birthday was September 20, 1850. Franklin died February 16, 1932. Four children were born to this marriage.

141. JOHN ODIE MAXWELL (50) was born December 17, 1879. He did not marry, and died in 1907 at the age of 28.

142. WILLIAM ONER MAXWELL (50) was born June 13, 1881, and early became interested in trapshooting and horseshoepitching as hobbies, making an enviable reputation for himself in both. Since 1922, when barnyard golf became a national pastime, he has spent many hours perfecting his hold and toss. It is not infrequent to find him hurling a dozen or more ringers consecutively—and he is a feared opponent in every competition. He goes regularly to the national and to many state tournaments, placing well up the list wherever he enters; this year, though past 74 years of age, he plans to attend the national tournament. The trapshooting has taken a back seat to barnyard golf or horseshoes, but he has many trophies in both.

On December 25, 1904, Oner married Grace May Laub, who was born May 3, 1882. One son has been born to the couple.

268. WILLIAM RAY MAXWELL (142) was born December 9, 1905. On August 17, 1941 he married Varena Margaret Evans, born January 21, 1916. No children have been born. William Ray is named in honor of his great grandfather.

143. LOA ETHEL MAXWELL (50) was born September 3, 1883. On April 16, 1905 she married Earl Ross Warner, born August 6, 1880. Four children were born.

269. GLEN L. WARNER (143) was born November 19, 1907. He married Anna Fox on November 19, 1930. Two children have been born:

348. WILBUR JERRY WARNER (269) was born September 30, 1936.

349. STANLEY GLEN WARNER (269) was born November 9, 1938.

270. GLADYS LAVERNE WARNER (143) was born April 29, 1909. On August 24, 1920 she married Harold Ridenour, whose birthdate was March 5, 1902. Two children have been born:

350. RUTH ELNORA RIDENOUR (270) was born December 27, 1930. On December 30, 1950 she married Gerald Edward Fethar, born October 14, 1928. Two children have been born to Ruth and Gerald:

351. SHERRIE ANN FETHAR (350) was born February 2, 1952.

352. TERESA JO FETHAR (350) was born May 19, 1954.

353. KERMIT LAVON WARNER (270) was born September 19, 1940.

271. LESTER LAVON WARNER (143) was born September 19, 1916. On April 20, 1940 he married Dortha Linn Duvoll, born June 22, 1920. Three children have been born:

354. RICHARD ROSS WARNER (271) was born August 12, 1942.

355. DAVID DENNIS WARNER (271) was born October 3, 1944.

356. LYNN LAVON WARNER (271) was born February 24, 1946.

272. FERN MAXINE WARNER (143) was born November 24, 1918. On February 16, 1938 she married Harold Goldsmith, born July 1, 1914. Two children have been born to this couple:

357. EARL WILLIAM GOLDSMITH (272) was born March 16, 1938.

358. WALTER J. GOLDSMITH (272) was born August 1, 1942.

144. BERTHA LELAH MAXWELL (50) was born December 31, 1885. In the spring of 1906 she married John A. Walter, whose birthdate was January 5, 1882. There have been no children. They live in Portland, Oregon.

51. JAMES HARVEY MAXWELL (15) was born September 12, 1861. He married Julia Ruszmann and had seven children, all well known in Hicksville and vicinity. "Harve" as he was known to everyone, also was interested in sports such as hunting, and took up horseshoe hitching. He was never able to compete successfully with his nephew, Oner, particularly at ringer throwing. Harvey died December 29, 1938.

145. GROVER C. MAXWELL (51) was born December 12, 1884, and married Blanche Johnson. Until a few years ago he was engaged with his brother Clyde in the Men's Haberdashery business, on the first floor of the American Building on High Street in Hicksville, Ohio. They make their home one block from the business district in that town. Children born to Grover and Blanche include:

273. GRACE MAXWELL (145) was born October 12, 1905 and married Walter Wilson. Three daughters were born.

359. JoANN WILSON (273) was born December 29, 1932, and is a trained nurse.

360. CAREN WILSON (273) is one of twins, born June 28, 1939

361. CAROL WILSON (273 is another of twins, also born June 28, 1939

274. ANNABELLE MAXWELL (145) was born September 11, 1907. She married Carson Culler and for years

they operated the Chevrolet garage in Hicksville, Ohio, only leaving this business in 1955 because of Mr. Culler's illness. Three children have been born.

362. BARBARA ANN CULLER (274) died at the age of 15.

363. GROVER NEFF "Pete" CULLER (274) married Barbara Ann Hyatt, Oct. 14, 1951. One son has been born.

363a. CHRISTY CULLER (363), born September 27, 1952, is son of Pete and Barbara.

364. THOMAS MAXWELL CULLER (274) graduated from Hicksville, Ohio high school in 1955 and plans to be an engineer.

275. LAURA ROSE MAXWELL (145) married Dr. Robert Howey, a dentist, and a Major in the army. One son was born before his sudden and untimely death, June 9, 1950. Laura remarried February 19, 1955 to Cdr. John McQuiston of the Navy, she herself having served as a Lieut. "Wave". They have settled in Seattle, Washington.

365. EDWARD MAXWELL HOWEY (275) was born in April 23, 1947.

146. CLYDE E. MAXWELL (51) was born February 13, 1886 and married Stella Burlingame. There were no children in this family. Clyde shared the haberdashery business with Grover for many years, working more in the business end, while Grover specialized in the sales department. On retirement a few years ago, he planned a series of long-awaited vacation trips with his wife-but before many of them had been carried out, she was stricken and died in 1953. Clyde now lives in a well-kept home in downtown Hicksville, Ohio, about a block from his brother Grover and two blocks from the location of the business they once shared. He has financial interest in farms in the Hicksville vicinity.

147. NONA MAXWELL (51) was born January 19, 1890. She married Forest Glen Getrost and they had one son.

276. FOREST LEWIS GETROST (147) was born July 12, 1911. He married Dorothy Warfield August 14, 1932, and they have settled at Sidney, Ohio, where he is a prominent optometrist. They have three children.

366. JAMES LOWELL GETROST (276) was born September 20, 1933, and married Patricia Allen Dempsey October 31, 1953.

367. RICHARD LYLE GETROST (276) was born July 24, 1935. He is a student at Northwestern University and plans to carry on a journalistic career, especially as it relates to radio and television.

368. JOHNNIE LEE GETROST (276) was born November 10, 1944 and is a student in the public school at Sidney, Ohio.

148. VERA MAXWELL (51) was born December 18, 1892 and married Orley McCartney. One son was born before Vera died September 28, 1954.

277. LINDA LEE McCARTNEY (148) was born August 10, 1917, and was a captain in the army, later becoming an optometrist in Defiance, Ohio. One daughter was born after his marriage to a Stuckman girl.

369. LINDA LEE McCARTNEY (277) was born February 27, 1945, the very day her father landed with the armed forces on Normandy.

149. AGNES MAXWELL (51) was born February 3, 1896. She married Fred Fetzner and they settled in Auburn, Indiana. Two children were born.

278. JULIA ANN FETZER (149) was born in October of 1922. She married a man by the name of Morris, and the following children have been born.

370. JAMES MORRIS (278) was born in 1946.

371. JACKIE MORRIS (278) was the first daughter, born in April of 1948.

372. FRED MORRIS (278) was born December 5, 1949.

279. MAY FETZER (149) was born June 2, 1924, and married Lois Smith. The following children have been born:

373. CATHY FETZER (279) was born in April of 1947.

374. MARCIA FETZER (279) was born November 21, 1949.

375. BECKY FETZER (279) was born August 21, 1951.

150. DOROTHY MAXWELL (51) was born December 7, 1898. She never married and now makes her home in Tiffin, Ohio.

151. FREDA MAXWELL (51) was born November 9, 1900, and married Morris Shull. Two children have been born.

280. CLAIR SHULL (151) was born August 22, 1926, and married Betty Jackson. He is a "game protector" at Ravenna, Ohio. Two children have been born.

376. DANIEL ALLEN SHULL (280) was born December 9, 1951.

377. MARGARET ELAINE SHULL (280) was born October 29, 1953.

281. NORMAN SHULL (151) was born November 21, 1927. He is a mechanic.

52. HANNAH ELIZA MAXWELL (15) was born June 23, 1864 and on May 26, 1887 married William Elliott, (born August 24, 1863). Two children were born before William died August 17, 1932 and Eliza November 4, 1947.

152. LOLA BELLE ELLIOT (52) was born November 24, 1888, near Hicksville, Ohio and married Enos C. Moore on September 18, 1907. Twelve children were born to them before Mr. Moore died December 30, 1946. Lola remarried February 23, 1954, Mr. Harry L. Kast.

282. MARGUERITE IONE MOORE (152) was born on April 22, 1908, first child of Enos and Lola Moore. She only lived one year, dying May 6, 1909.

283. LEE MILLER MOORE (152) was born April 29, 1909. He married Alda Gruber April 2, 1932. They have three children:

378. JERRY LEE MOORE (283) was born March 27, 1941.

379. TOMMY MOORE (283) was born September 18, 1943.

380. JUDY ANN MOORE (283) was born July 14, 1944.

284. LEILA MARIE MOORE (152) was born July 17, 1910. She married Carl Springer April 3, 1937. He died in 1951 and she was married to Cornelius Blomeke on October 30, 1953.

285. AKIN E. MOORE (152) was born October 19, 1911. On June 21, 1938 he married Vernice Bauserman. They have three children.

381. CAROLYN ANN MOORE (285) was born March 19, 1940.

382. RONALD LEE MOORE (285) was born March 29, 1942.

383. MAX ALLEN MOORE (285) was born September 20, 1943.

286. MARTHA ELIZA MOORE (152) was born February 27, 1914, one of twins. She married Kenneth Parker July 4, 1936 and died July 31, 1937 as a result of an automobile accident.

287. ELIZABETH A. MOORE (152) was twin of Martha and married Wayne L. Akey May 19, 1932. They have three children.

384. BETTY ANN AKEY (287) was born January 2, 1933. She married Ronald Miller in October of 1948. Three children were born. Elizabeth Ann Akey was remarried to Fred Stemen on December 31, 1953.

385. SANDRA JO MILLER (384) was born November 12, 1949.

386. RONALD MILLER, JR. (384) was born November 29, 1950.

387. KATHY ANN MILLER (384) was born January 13, 1952.

388. PATRICIA LOUISE AKEY (287) was born October 4, 1935 and married Alfred Paschen in June of 1952. Three children were born.

389. DAVID PASCHEN (388) was born September 11, 1952.

390. JAN PASCHEN (388) was born October 7, 1953.

391. NEIL PASCHEN (388) was born in April of 1955.

392. WAYNE AKEY (287) was born May 30, 1938.

288. ESTHER FRANCIS MOORE (152) was born May 13, 1916 and died July 31, 1917.

289. CARLTON RAY MOORE (152) was born August 11, 1918 and was married to Barbara Dull June 6, 1944. They have three children.

393. PAUL DAVID MOORE (289) was born March 16, 1946.

394. MARILOU MOORE (289) was born January 9, 1950.

395. TERRE JO MOORE (289) was born August 16, 1953.

290. GLENN FRANKLIN MOORE (152) was born November 19, 1919 and married Betty Jean Longbrake December 12, 1942. They have four children.

396. DONALD LEE MOORE (290) was born February 6, 1945.

397. ROBERT EUGENE MOORE (290) was born May 4, 1947.

398. DELORIS ANN MOORE (290) was born June 2, 1948.

399. CHARYL SUE MOORE (290) was born September 4, 1953.

291. PAUL A. MOORE (152) was born October 12, 1921. He married Leila Hurni and they have two children.

400. ROWENA ANN MOORE (291) was born November 2, 1950.

401. JANELLE MOORE (291) was born July 16, 1953.
292. VIVIAN MAXINE MOORE (152) was born May 3, 1923 and married Victor D. Kelley March 29, 1947. They have three children.

402. JANET KAY KELLEY (292) was born September 4, 1947.

403. STEVEN DEWAYNE KELLEY (292) was born July 1, 1952.

404. VICKIE MARLENE KELLEY (292) was born October 29, 1954.

293. TED E. MOORE (152) was born September 13, 1927 and married Phyllis Witmer on October 23, 1949. They have two children.

405. LINDA RAE MOORE (293) was born January 9, 1952.

406. GARY LEE MOORE (293) was born June 22, 1953.

153. WILLIAM RAY ELLIOT (52) was born March 11, 1899. He married Birdie Burlingame on July 2, 1920. One child was born to them. "Ray" married Gladys Palmer on May 8, 1946.

294. ROBERT MILLARD ELLIOTT (153) was born May 23, 1921 and married Betty Cromley January 25 1942. They have three children.

407. KATHY ELLIOTT (294) was born May 4, 1947.

408. ROBERT TODD ELLIOTT (294) was born January 13, 1950.

409. KIT LOUANN ELLIOTT (294) was born May 15, 1953.

The Maxwell family which has been so involved with the Ames families has a notable history of its own. Hugh Maxwell, first of the line, was born at Minterburn, Tyrone County, Ireland in 1699. In 1733 he came to America, settling in Bedford, Mass. Three children were born in Ireland, four in America. The pioneer died in 1759 from injuries sustained in a fall from his horse. All of his children lived to be older than his 60 years.

William Maxwell, born about 1729 in Ireland, lived to be 95.

Margaret Maxwell, born about 1731 in Ireland lived to be 99.

Colonel Hugh Maxwell of French and Indian War fame, was born in 1733, just before the journey to America.

Carrying his father's name and fate, he died October 14, 1799, aged only 67—the youngest of the children.

Sarah Maxwell was born about 1735 and lived to be over 90.

Benjamin Maxwell was born in 1737 and lived to be 92.

James Maxwell was born in 1739 or 1740 and lived to be 83.

Thompson Maxwell (Sometimes recorded Thomas) was born September 22, 1742 and lived to be 93, serving as Major in the same general division of the army as his brother Colonel Hugh, and adding service in the War of 1812 to his record, at a time when he was 70 years of age. In 1800 he moved to Miami County, Ohio, and finally settled near Detroit, Mich., where he died in 1835.

One of the Maxwell families moved to Adams County, Penna., where William Maxwell was born, about 1790. William moved to Wayne County, Ohio in 1827, and died in 1837. His wife, Isabella, and ancestral mother of the Defiance and Williams County Maxwells, was born September 7, 1793. She lived with the children until her death February 18, 1877, aged 83.

The oldest child, JANE MAXWELL was the one who married William Ames, as shown in Table III, page 30. The second daughter, MARYANN MAXWELL (apparently a twin of JANE)* since both have the same birthdate) married James Ames, and was the mother of most of his children, as revealed in chapter two. The first son in the family was William Ray who married Elizabeth Ames, daughter of Nehemiah Ames, Sr.

* Mary Ann's birthdate is erroneously printed as 10-11-1818 in table III, page 14, a typographical repetition of her marriage date. In available records it is indicated to have been August 9, 1818, same as that of Jane.



JOHN C. AMES—1828-1912
and SARAH DUTTERER AMES—1837-1919
(See facing pages i and 235 for some of their children

The Largest Family of Grandchildren

Perhaps the best known of any of Nehemiah's children was John C. Ames. It may have been because he had the largest number of children, it may have been because of the thriving cider mill business he established just outside of Hicksville, it may have been because of his activities as a communion steward in the Disciples of Christ Church—or it may have been the combination of all, which caused his greater recognition.

At any rate, when a history of Defiance County was written the author selected John C. Ames as the subject for a biography through which introduction to the Ames family was made.

18. JOHN C. AMES (11) was born May 28, 1828 in Washington County, Pa., and grew to manhood there with his father, Nehemiah, and mother Frances. When the exodus took place in the 1840-50 decade, he accompanied the others as far as Wayne County, Ohio first—then came on to Defiance County in 1846. Two years later he returned to Wayne County, but by 1850 he was again in Hicksville Township, where he soon established himself as an enterprising farmer. On November 23, 1854 he married Sarah Dutterer,* who was

* Sarah was daughter of George Dutterer and Catherine Wolford, and granddaughter of Michael Dutterer (first to change the name from Dodderer and only one to come to Ohio.) Her sister, Eliza, married Nehemiah Ames, Jr., brother of John. (See chapter five). The direct line of ancestry for these girls traces back to George Philip Dotterer, who came from Veronica, Germany in 1729 and settled in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The name was originally Dodhari, a German word meaning "affectionate warrior" and has various spellings today.

TABLE V

JOHN C. AMES	married	SARAH DUTTERER
5-28-1828	11-23-1854	4-29-1837

Andrew Y. Ames 12-23-1855

Emanuel Ames 2-16-1857

William Ames 2-8-1858———Rollie Ames 5-10-1879

Henry Franklin Ames	Lee Wilfred Ames
2-18-1859	4-7-1890

Ephraim Ames 1-15-1862—	Wilbur Ames
	Orpha Ames (Lybarger)

Mary C. Ames	Forrest Nye
9-9-1864	

Noah Harvey Ames	Richard D. Ames
2-27-1866	6-23-1905
	Rachel N. Ames (May)
	5-19-1910

Jeannette Ames (Limpert)	Florence Ames (Haddix)
3-28-1868	6-23-1891
	Lee Limpert 10-9-1895
	Frank Limpert 11-6-1896
	Archie Limpert 7-24-1901

U. S. Grant Ames	Theodore Ames 9-28-1909
11-24-1870	Sarah Ames (Musselman)
	10-15-1910
	Irene Ames (King)
	3-28-1913
	Marguerite Ames (Hash)
	11-10-1914
	Robert Ames—4-5-1915
	Betty Ames (Wall)
	8-20-1923
	Marie Ames—8-14-1926

Winfield Ames 2-16-1873——	Bertha Ames (Hansen)
	8-8-1904

Hasey Ames 7-12-1875

Sarah F. (Dollie) Ames	Eva Warfield (Knowles)
(Warfield) 3-11-1877	6-4-1897

Carrie Ames (Moore)	Foster Moore 10-1-1908
8-12-1881	

Nellie Ames—1884

John C. Ames died 7-2-1912.

member of an old Pennsylvania family, and who had been born in Trumbull County, Ohio on April 29, 1837.

They settled about a mile northeast of Hicksville, Ohio, where they acquired a farm of 160 acres and established the cider press business which helped make the name well known in the community. When the children married and moved away, John C. and Sarah Ames retired to a comfortable home in the west end of town, where both died, well advanced in years.

In 1912, the husband and father suffered a broken hip in a fall at his home. His eyesight had been failing for some time, and he died (more of a broken spirit than from the injury, according to medical authorities at the time) on July 2, 1912, past 84 years of age. In the midst of the influenza epidemic that followed World War I, the widow and mother, known to everyone as "Aunt Sarah" or "Ma" contracted pneumonia after a siege of "flu" and died on April 6, 1919, at the age of 82.

53. ANDREW Y. AMES (18) was born December 23, 1855 when his mother was only 18, the first of fourteen children to be born to John C. and Sarah Ames. He married Emma (last name not available to this writer) and settled as a carpenter of repute in the Hicksville vicinity. Emma, born in 1866, bore no children, and lived to be 60 years of age before her death in 1926. Andrew continued to live at his home in the east end of the town until his death at the age of 74 in the year 1930.

54. EMANUEL AMES (18) was born February 16, 1857 and lived but four days.

55. WILLIAM AMES (18) was born February 8, 1858 and married Sarah Ellen Deardorf on October 7, 1880. They settled on a farm not far from Sherwood, Ohio, where they raised their only child. Details about his death are obscure, but he was hospitalized at some distance from Defiance County while the writer was a young boy. In the institution he became mentally ill and death came without a return of physical or mental well being.

411. ROLLIE AMES (55) was born May 10, 1879. He married twice. Mildred Starkey, first wife, was mother of one infant child who died within a few weeks. Flossie Ellen Sprowe was second wife of Rollie. She was born November 24, 1909, and they were married January 16, 1920. Their first child, Eva Mae, lived only a few days. Rollie died January 23, 1949 when the only surviving child was but 14. Father and two infant children are buried near each other in the Sherwood, Ohio cemetery. The widow in 1954 was keeping house for Charles Byers, a grandson of Nehemiah Ames, (a widower since 1944). They lived near Farmer, Ohio, near the site of Nehemiah's home. It was in a house occupied by a Byers descendant that the picture of which the frontispiece of this book is a reproduction, was found—in a house erected on the site of the patriarch's residence. The original house has been destroyed by fire.

501. WILLIAM HENRY AMES (411) was born May 26, 1935. He is employed in farm work near Hicksville, Ohio, and visits frequently the Farmer home where his mother is employed (Charles Byers' residence). He was unmarried according to information available to the writer in 1955.

56. HENRY FRANKLIN AMES (18) known

as Frank* was born February 18, 1859 and married Retta (last name not available) who was born in 1874. They moved to Michigan but continued to visit the Ohio relatives for many years. One son was born before Frank's death in 1936 and the decease of the wife in 1941.

412. LEE WILFRED AMES (56) was born April 7, 1890. Early he showed interest in religious and social service work. It was not surprising to find him later associated with that kind of activity in the suburbs of Chicago, Ill. For many years he maintained a correspondence with his aunt, "Dollie" Warfield in Hicksville, and all his letters were filled with evidence of his religious fervor. He presided as officiating clergyman at the marriage of a cousin, Florence Ames, as noted in chapter six.

Lee Wilfred married Marie Louise Pelletier, and one son was born to them. Lee's second marriage was to Mildred Howard on June 26, 1947, after which he moved to Baltimore, Md. On September 29, 1951 he was stricken with a heart attack in a railroad station in Pennsylvania and died before he could be transported home.

502. PAUL BENJAMIN AMES (412) was the only son of Lee Wilfred and Marie Louise Ames. Conflicting stories are told of his whereabouts. He is married and has a child, but one informer points to Minnesota as the home—another suggests Texas.

57. EPHRAIM AMES (18) was born January 15, 1862, and married Zeruiah Beerbower, also born in 1862. They established themselves on a farm south of Hicksville, and spent their lives there. For a time he was a partner in the Ames lumber yard in Hicksville. "Eph" as he was known

* Frank was the tallest of the Ames boys (over 6 feet four inches as the writer remembers him). A significant fact about the entire family is the matter of size. At one time after they had all grown to maturity, the nine children (including the three living girls) joined the father and mother on a set of platform scales. They tipped the beam at exactly 2,000 pounds. This was an average of 182 pounds per person (and four of them were females.) The writer recalls that in his research, he read about a family of Ames name in England over 200 years ago who averaged nearly 200 pounds per person, in which the pygmy was a daughter who was only 5 feet ten inches tall.

to everyone, was the smallest of the Ames boys, shorter in stature and not as heavy as the others, probably weighing less than 180 pounds. "Rua" as the wife was known, died in 1937, and Ephraim in 1949. Two children were born to them:

413. WILBUR AMES (57) is only a memory to the writer. Additional information is being sought, and if found will be printed in the appendix.

414. ORPHA AMES (57) married Algie Lybarger on October 1, 1908. He was a prominent auctioneer of the Hicksville, Ohio vicinity. They had one son. Later Orpha and the son moved to Michigan, where on December 18, 1922, she married Adrian Killian, also a native of Hicksville Ohio. They now live in Holly, Michigan.

503. AMES LYBARGER (414) was born December 15, 1911. He moved north with his mother, and married Dorothy Henderson of Flint, Mich. One daughter was born, June 17, 1946. Ames is employed by the Internal Revenue Department, Tax division, and was living in Drayton Plains in 1955—but was building a new ranch type home as this copy was being assembled.

A daughter, Nellie, born to Ephraim and "Rua" died at the age of one and a half years. There is no positive record as to dates either of birth or death.

58. MARY C. AMES (18) was born September 9, 1864 and married Hiram Nye. They had one son. Known as "Mate," she died as a result of prolonged illness from cancer on May 8, 1898. References to her fate were the first mention of cancer the writer ever heard.

415. FORREST NYE (58) was the only son of Hiram and Mary. Other than the fact that he lives somewhere in the Edgerton and Hicksville vicinity, no other information has come to light on him. Further research is being carried on for the appendix.

59. NOAH HARVEY AMES (18) was born February 27, 1866. He moved with the parents to the west end of Hicksville when they retired from the farm. He met Mary Catherine Loomis,

born June 20, 1873, the daughter of George and Susan Clarinda Loomis. The largest (except in height) of the Ames boys (he weighed 243 to 265 pounds) he established himself as a capable carpenter and woodworker in Hicksville. Twice he entered business, once with his older brother, Ephraim, in the Ames Brothers lumber and milling business and later as the operator of a grist mill. He was noted for his keen wit and general good nature, boasting a legion of friends. Until heart illness struck him a number of years before his death, he was interested in telegraphy, hunting and such sports as horseshoe pitching.

Mary* was a public school teacher and after her marriage taught private music lessons for many years. Two children were born before Noah died after prolonged heart illness on May 8, 1928. Mary died at the home of her daughter, Rachel May, on March 9, 1945 after a two year period of suffering from cancer.

416. RICHARD D. AMES (59) was born June 23, 1905. He was educated in the Hicksville public schools, learning the printing trade with Myron and Arthur Schell. He studied electrical engineering, and then attended Ohio Northern University. After working at the printing trade for a number of years, he served as newspaper editor in Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, and Maryland. While doing so he filled supply pastorates in Methodist and Presbyterian churches before establishing himself as a teacher of printing and journalism in the

* Mary was the daughter of George and Susan Clarinda Beery Loomis. She descended from Joseph Loomis, who was one of the New England pioneers (coming to Windsor, Conn. in 1638.) Her great grandfather, Reuel Loomis, was one of the first white settlers in northern Ohio (near Tiffin). On her mother's side she traced her lineage directly to Nicholas Beery, who came from Berne, Switzerland, to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1727.

High Schools of Washington, D. C. The editing of this manuscript has been one of his hobbies, and students in his classes have printed and bound the assembled material into book form. On July 13, 1929 he married Martha Ellen Guiler (born May 3, 1907) who was a public school teacher and who has returned to that employment since the daughter has grown to maturity.

504. JOYCE ELAINE AMES (416) was born November 1, 1932, at Caldwell, Ohio, when the father was newspaper editor there. She moved with her parents to Washington, D. C. in 1935, and has been educated in the public schools there and the University of Maryland where she majored in Music Education and played in the University Band. On February 7, 1954, she married Charles B. Huyett (born December 19, 1930, member of a pioneer family of Washington County, Maryland.) After the husband served two years with the armed forces, (one year in Okinawa), they settled in Hagerstown where he operates the Huyett bakery, a long established organization in the heart of the business district. She plans to teach private music classes, and make use of her music talents in religious and community service projects. One child has been born.

505. CHARLES RICHARD HUYETT (504) was born October 10, 1954, near Washington, D. C. He moved with his parents in the spring of 1955 to Hagerstown, Md. It was the effort to create a family tree for this little fellow that launched an extensive project by his grandfather—which has become this genealogical production.

417. RACHEL NAOMI AMES (59) was born May 19, 1910. She was educated in the Hicksville public schools, graduating from Hicksville High School only a few weeks after the death of her father in 1928. She trained herself as a public school teacher, taking much of her college work at Bowling Green Normal, then taught in the schools around Hicksville, and in Cleveland, Ohio suburbs. She married Wallace May, born January 8, 1904 and they now live on High Street in Hicksville, Ohio. Wallace and his brother Waldo share numerous business interests as The May Brothers, including farming, the town theatre and financial operations of various kinds. Two children have been born:

506. WALLIS ANN MAY (417) first child of Wallace and Rachel, was born October 1, 1947, and now attends the public school in her home town.

507. KARL MAY (417) was born on September 18, 1949, and has just started his education at Hicksville.

60. JEANNETTE AMES (18) was born March 28, 1868 and has always been known as "Nettie." Her name is variously spelled in available records. She married Fred Limpert, (born December 13, 1868), and for many years they lived on a farm between Hicksville and Edgerton. They retired to a comfortable home in Hicksville where she died January 22, 1928 and he November 21, 1944. They had four children:

418. FLORENCE LIMPert (60) was born June 23, 1891 and married Earl Haddix. They settled in Edgerton, Ohio, where they had identical twins in 1911 and a son in 1925. It was at the Haddix home on a Memorial Day in the "20s" that the writer heard his first loudspeaker radio. It was giving an account of the Indianapolis automobile races. He also remembers the twins as being so identical that only a torn apron pocket enabled him to tell them apart. Florence and Earl now live in Akron, Ohio.

508. LAVERGE HADDIX (418) was born March 21, 1911. She married Bill Sucher on October 18, 1931. One child has been born.

509. PATSY ANN SUCHER (508) was born February 28, 1932. She married Wilbur Smith on February 26, 1954.

510. LAVERNE HADIX (418) was born March 21, 1911, an identical twin to Laverge. She married Verlin Krill on January 18, 1936, but there are no children in the family.

511. LEO HADDIX (418) was born June 3, 1925. As this is written he has not married but lives with the parents in Akron, Ohio.

419. LEE LIMPert (60) was born October 9, 1895. He married twice, first Edith Applegate, then Dora Miller. For many years he was recognized as an outstanding machinist, and with his younger brother perfected

several outstanding mechanical devices. His machine shop near the railroad depot on High Street was wonderfully equipped and produced some excellent work. After his brothers lost interest in the partnership, he finally established a shop at the rear of his home. A few years ago the family moved to Eustis, Fla.

512. BETTY LIMPert (419) was the only child born to Lee and Edith. She married John Olson. One child has been born:

513. JAY BEE OLSON (512) is child of Betty and John Olson.

514. GWENDOLYN LIMPert (419) was born to Lee and Dora Limpert. She married Leo Headley.

515. MICHAEL HEADLEY (514) is son of Gwendolyn and Leo.

516. MITCHELL HEADLEY (514) is son of Gwendolyn and Leo.

517. GREGORY HEADLEY (514) is third son.

420. FRANK LIMPert (60) was born November 6, 1896. He married Beatrice Meeks (whose step-father's name was Peters) and they reside on East High Street, in Hicksville, Ohio. They have no children. For many years Frank has been a rural mail carrier in Defiance and Paulding Counties, but he is now retired and living at a comfortable home near the corporation line.

421. ARCHIE LIMPert (60) was born July 24, 1901. He early showed interest in mechanics and never was able to separate himself from that work. For many years he operated a successful auto repair business in Hicksville, after a lot of machine shop experience with the older brothers had prepared him well for that position. On April 26, 1925 he married Emma Marie Fuchs (born May 7, 1902). They had two children in Hicksville, then moved to Garrett, Indiana.

518. JANET MARIE LIMPert (421) was born July 14, 1932. On June 19, 1954 she married Charles F. Van Deusen of Muncie, Indiana. There are no children at this writing.

519. MAX EDWARD LIMPert (421) was born August 22, 1937. He is unmarried as this is written.

Although it often happened in pioneer days among Eames and Ames families, the marriage of

Ames descendants to each other in Ohio was a rarity. The event DID take place, however, when Grant Ames, grandson of Nehemiah Ames, married Dora Ames, great grand daughter of the aged pioneer.

Dora thus became doubly related to all the descendants of John C. Ames—though she was only a half-sister to children born to her own father by his first marriage (before 1883).*

61. ULYSSES S. GRANT AMES (18) grandson of Nehemiah Ames was born November 24, 1870. He married 115 DORA AMES (30) great-granddaughter of Nehemiah. They moved, early in their married life, from Newville, Ind., to Hicksville, Ohio. For a time they lived on Chicago Avenue, in the John C. Ames residence—then moved to Spencerville Street, where they resided until Grant's death. Grant was foreman for the Miller Handle Factory for many years, and was named administrator of his oldest brother's estate (Andrew) in 1930. He died on April 12, 1936.

422. THEODORE AMES (61 and 115) was born September 28, 1909, and after completing his education in the Hicksville schools, married Mabel Keating. For some time they resided in the home town, while he worked in electrical maintenance and operated projection machines. He finally found himself projecting at the Huber theater, owned by the May Brothers (one of whom had married Theodore's first and second cousin, Rachel Ames). "Eph" as he is known to everyone, accepted a position as local manager for the Ohio Power Company in Ohio City, Ohio

* As an example, the writer, Richard D. Ames, is a grandson of John C. Ames. Therefore Dora is an aunt to him by marriage to Grant. She also is a second cousin to him because her grandfather (James Ames) was a brother to John C. Ames. The children of Grant and Dora are also doubly related to the writer (and others in the J. C. Ames descent). To Richard D. Ames, they are both first cousins through the father, and second cousins once removed through the mother.

a few years ago. With his family he now lives there. It was in this home that the writer saw the first pictures and learned the whereabouts of the Pennsylvania Ames families.

520. ROBERT LAWRENCE AMES (422) was born June 9, 1936. He was living at home with his parents, and attending schools in Ohio City, during the 1954 term.

521. PHILIP LYN AMES (422) was born November 11, 1940, and lives with his parents and brother Robert, while attending the Ohio City public schools.

423. SARAH AMES (61 and 115) was born October 15, 1910. She was educated in the Hicksville schools and married Ernest Musselman. They live near Defiance, Ohio, and there are no children in the family.

424. IRENE AMES (61 and 115) was born March 8, 1913. She attended the Hicksville schools and married Cloyd King. They moved several years ago to 1126 Lakeview Drive, Lake Odessa, Mich., where they now reside. Irene and Cloyd have kept in constant touch with the Pennsylvania Ames families.

424a. RICKEY KING (424) was born June 18, 1953.

425. MARGUERITE AMES (61 and 115) was born November 10, 1954. Educated in the Hicksville schools, she married Alvin Hash. After the birth of the two children, Marguerite lived only a year, dying in 1937.

522. DORA B. HASH (425) was born October 20, 1935.

523. GLEN D. HASH (425) was born June 18, 1937.

426. ROBERT AMES (61 and 115) was born April 5, 1915 and lived only a short time.

427. BETTY AMES (61 and 115) was born August 20, 1923. After her public school education was completed, she married William Wall.

524. MICHAEL WALL (427) was born February 6, 1948.

525. MARIE WALL (427) was born April 10, 1951.

428. MARIE AMES (61 and 115) was born August 14, 1926 and lived only two years.

62. WINFIELD SCOTT AMES (18) was born February 16, 1873. Early in life he became a telegraph operator on the B. & O. railroad lines. He married Acha Leana Downs on April 1 1903. She

was born January 10, 1884. They finally moved to Kalkaska, Mich., where they now live. For several years they have operated a dairy farm there. Mrs. Ames has been in poor health for several years. In 1935, Winfield retired with 30 years service. One daughter has been born.

429. BERTHA AMES (62) was born August 8, 1904 in Sherwood, Ohio, and married Arthur Hansen, July 2, 1923. He was born April 21, 1901. They live in Kalkaska where he is employed by the State Highway Department. They have four children.

526. DORTHY LAURA HANSEN (429) was born March 10, 1924. Two girls and one boy have been born.

527. WINFIELD EDWARD NEIS HANSEN (429) was born July 28, 1925. One boy and one girl have been born.

528. JOHN CLINTON HANSEN (429) was born March 7, 1927. Two girls have been born.

529. ALFRED CLARENCE HANSEN (429) was born January 8, 1930.

63. HASEY AMES (18) was born July 12, 1875 and lived less than two years, dying February 9, 1877.

64. SARAH FRANCES AMES (18) was born March 11, 1877. She was named for her mother (Sarah) and grandmother (Frances), but has been known all her life as "Dollie." Married to George W. Warfield on December 31, 1895, she was the mother of one daughter; Mr. Warfield was operator of a large cider mill near the Hicksville corporation lines on West High Street during the boyhood of the writer. In later years he added a grist mill and abandoned the cider press work altogether. After selling the mill, the family moved to a farm near Newville, Ind., along the St. Joe river, and later to a farm near the State Line on the Newville Road. "Dollie" made a profitable

“hobby” of fine rug weaving—the earliest memory the writer has of her. She continued this work right down to the time when it was necessary because of health, to retire. George lives part time with the daughter in Auburn, Ind., and part at a Hicksville rooming house. Dollie is in a rest home in Hicksville, Ohio.

430. EVA GEOA WARFIELD (64) was born June 4, 1897. Early in life she suffered an injury when a runaway horse overturned a buggy in which she was riding. Although she completely lost the vision in one eye, she never permitted it to interfere with her fine spirit and energy. Her first marriage was to Ralph Griest. One child (her only one) was born to that marriage. Eva now lives in Auburn, Indiana, with her husband, Edward H. Knowles, whom she married April 7, 1934.

530. ALTA FRANCES GREIST (430) was born May 31, 1917. On April 20, 1936, she married Walter F. Stoops (born January 29, 1913). They have two children.

531. PATSY ANN STOOPS (530) was born December 13, 1940.

532. JOHN F. STOOPS (530) was born April 19, 1944.

65. CARY ROZELLA AMES (18) known as “Carrie” was born August 12, 1881. On October 10, 1903 she married Mood Moore, and they moved to a farm southwest of Hicksville. Later they moved to a residence on West High Street in the town—where she died November 28, 1925. Mood Moore has remarried and now lives in Fort Wayne, Ind.

431. LEONE CARRIE MOORE (65) was born in 1905, but lived only 16 days.

432. FOSTER AMES MOORE (65) was born October 1, 1908. On July 8, 1952, he married Virginia L. Childers (born November 11, 1915). Foster was a baseball umpire for years, but is now selling sporting goods in Indianapolis, Indiana. There are no children.

66. NELLIE AMES (18) was born in 1884 and

lived but a short time. She was the last child in this very large family.

Dollie Warfield (see No. 64 above) and Winfield Ames (see No. 62 above) are the only children of John and Sarah Dutterer Ames who were alive in the Spring of 1955 as this was written.

TABLE VI

THEOPHILUS AMES married PHEBE HULBERT
10-24-1830 10-14-1852

James Ames—1854

Orville Willbur Ames ——— 2-14-1856	Dora Ames (Neyhard)—11-22-1879 James Wilbur Ames—1-1-1885 Earl Ames—1890 Howard Ames—1900
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Mary Ames (Wilsey) ——— 1858	John D. Wilsey—1878 Fay F. Wilsey—1879 Orpha Wilsey (Rinehard) 6-13-1881
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Oliver Ames—1860

Charles Theophilus Ames— 5-20-1862	Viola May Ames—1-23-1884 John Tilford Ames—1-22-1888
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Theophilus Ames died in 1863

TABLE VII

NEHEMIAH AMES, JR. married ELIZA DUTTERER
3-11-1833 5-10-1839

Emanuel Ames ——— 9-1-1857	James Erwin Ames—6-10-1887 Lauren Ames—4-24-1892 Ruth Ames (Martell)—7-10-1897
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Frances Ames (Lee) ——— 2-16-1859	Charles Lee—1-19-1884 Nellie Lee—4-24-1885 Harry Lee—10-11-1887
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Hanna Lodema Ames ——— (Beightler) 12-8-1862	Ida Beightler (Easler)—12-13-1885 Beulah Beightler
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Loretta Ames (Otis) ——— 1-13-1864	Oliver Estell Otis—6-6-1882 Libbie B. Otis (Miller)—10-19-1883 Carrie Otis (Kisabeth)—4-17-1885 Dorsey E. Otis—12-8-1887 Flotilla Otis (Reas)—11-7-1888 Glenious Otis (Evans)—2-7-1893 Beulah L. Otis (Poper)—4-3-1895 Eliza Otis (Yarger)—2-27-1897
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Nehemiah Ames died 6-27-1864

CHILDREN OF THEOPHILUS AMES



Left to right—Charles Theophilus Ames—1862-1943 (see page 68); Mary Ames Wilsey—1858-? (see page 67; Orville Wilbur Ames—1856-1927 (see page 66)

5.

Two Brothers Who Died Early

Although Nehemiah Ames, himself, lived to the ripe old age of 92, and saw several of his children become old men before his own death, there were some members of the family who did not fare so well. It is about the two sons whose lives seemed marked for tragedy that this chapter is written.

19. THEOPHILUS AMES (11) was born October 24, 1830. He married Phebe Hulbert on October 14, 1852. Phebe was a daughter of Jared and Hannah Hulbert, and a brother of Oren Hulbert (who married Julia, daughter of Nehemiah first; then Barbara who was a widowed daughter-in-law of Nehemiah). They had a family of five children before a scourge of typhoid fever struck in 1863 and in a few days took the lives of father, mother, and one of the boys. Another of the boys died of pneumonia while still in his teens, leaving only three to carry on the family lineage.

67. JAMES AMES (19) was born in 1854. He did not survive to maturity, but the manner of his death is confused. One report insists he died with his parents during the typhoid fever tragedy of 1863. This would have made him nine years of age at the time. However, census records list him as 16, and living with John Ryan in 1870. He is not to be confused with the James Ames, son of James, who was five years older and was listed separately in the same census. Therefore the report that he died a teen-ager, of pneumonia as a result of exposure during inclement weather is probably true. He died sometime between 1870 and 1880.

68. ORVILLE WILBUR AMES (19) was born February 14, 1856. When his parents and the one brother died in 1863, he was taken to raise by Edward Otis, and was listed as a member of their family in the census of 1870. He married Jane McGranahan and then moved to Chanute, Kansas, where five children were born. Orville Wilbur has been difficult to trace because some records list him by his first name, others by the second. However, personal correspondence with descendants has established the absolute accuracy of these facts. Death came to Wilbur on May 28, 1927.

433. DORA AMES (68) was born November 22, 1879. She married Edwin Neyhard and two children were born.

533. LEO NEYHARD (433) was born December 24, 1903. He married Doris Estis. Leo died April 3, 1950.

534. EDWIN NEYHARD (433) was born November 25, 1912. He married Rosetta Orr on August 5, 1936. Three children, Connie, Ann, and Jimmie, have been born. They live at Chanute.

434. JAMES WILBUR AMES, SR. (68) was born January 1, 1885. He married Elma Taylor (born March 10, 1864) on February 19, 1905. James died November 2, 1948. Two children have been born.

535. LODICA MAYE AMES (434) was born March 15, 1909. She married Walter Parker. He works at the Atlas Powder Plant at Joplin, Mo.

536. MARILYN PARKER (535) was born to Lodica and Walter, and she married Clair Lovelace.

537. CAROL LOVELACE (536) was born in 1943.

538. JAMES WILBUR AMES, JR. (434) was born February 19, 1920. He married Margaret Shorter. One child, Bobbie Dean, was born in 1944. James is a welder and cares for the family farm.

435. BENJAMIN H. AMES (68) was born March 25, 1888. He turned his eyes westward in 1907. On October 3, 1915 in American Falls, Idaho, he married Lillian R. Frodsham (born October 26, 1895). They moved about

considerably before settling in Salem, Oregon 20 years ago, where they now reside. Two sons, born to this couple, survive.

539. STANLEY CLARK AMES (435) was born July 17, 1916, in Rockland, Idaho. He is married and lives in Oakland, Calif., with the wife and two daughters, aged 7 and 13.

540. HOWARD W. AMES (435) was born January 3, 1918, also in Rockland, Idaho. He is married and lives with his wife and two children in Whittier, California. The daughter is ten years of age and the boy, named Craig, is eight.

436. EARL AMES (68) was born about 1890 and lived but six months.

437. HOWARD AMES (68) was born in 1900, but lived only nine years, dying in 1909.

69. MARY AMES (19) was born in 1858. When the parents died of typhoid fever in 1863, she, a child of six, was raised by the grandparents, Jared and Hannah Hulbert. She was recorded as a member of their family in the census of 1870. After getting an elementary school education she went to Defiance, Ohio, and finally taught school for a short time. In 1875 she married Jay F. Wilsey of Bloomville, Ohio. Three children have been born:

438. JOHN D. WILSEY (69) was born in 1878 and moved to Barbeau, Michigan.

439. FAY F. WILSEY (69) was born in 1879 and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio.

440. ORPHA WILSEY (69) was born June 13, 1881. She married William Rinehart (born October 6, 1881) and they settled near Columbus, Ohio for a long time, going recently to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they now reside.

541. JOHN W. RINEHART (440) was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1909. He now makes his home in Santa Monica, California.

542. WILLIAM F. RINEHART (440) was born in 1912. and now lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.

543. ROBERT R. RINEHART (440) was born in 1917, and now lives in Columbus, Ohio.

70. OLIVER AMES (19) was born in 1860. The same confusion* which surrounds his brother James, covers his short life history. Although Oliver is reported to have died while in his teens, there is no record of his life in 1870. Although his brother James was reported to have died in 1863, James is definitely a part of the 1870 census report. The only logical conclusion is that Oliver was the one who died in 1863 (at the age of three years) when typhoid took the father and mother.

71. CHARLES THEOPHILUS AMES (19) was born May 20, 1862. He was only one year old at the time of the typhoid scourge and was adopted by an uncle, Sanford Hulbert, with whom he was recorded in the 1870 census. On April 15, 1883 he married Martha Ellen Nelson. She was born January 17, 1866. Before the death of Charles T. Ames April 2, 1943, and of the mother, April 18, 1948, three children were born:

441. VIOLA MAY AMES (71) was born January 23, 1884. She only lived a little over seven years, dying on November 21, 1901.

442. JOHN TILFORD AMES (71) was born January 22, 1888. On September 16, 1909, he married Kate W. Walker. They settled in Altoona, Kansas, where they farmed extensively. Before the wife's death June 5, 1953, three children were born.

* Of course, as often happened in those years, a living son may have been nicknamed to correspond to the nickname of a favorite child who died early. In that case, Oliver may have been called "Jim" as a tribute to the baby who died. However, the recorded age of JAMES in the 1870 census is 16—not 10 as would have been the case if this transfer of names had taken place. The writer places the whole matter here for the reader to see. It's a case of human memory against census accuracy. Perhaps someone who sees these pages will know the real answer and get it recorded for posterity to understand.

544. MONA ANETA AMES (442) was born September 1, 1910. On November 24, 1947 she married Percy Leroy Burns (he was born August 7, 1904). One child has been born:

545. JOHN AMES BURNS (544) was born June 18, 1954.

546. LAUREN WALKER AMES (442) was born March 4, 1913, but did not live two years, dying December 21, 1914.

547. MARTHA LARUE AMES (442) was born December 5, 1920. On April 22, 1948 she married Junior Howard Clifton (born March 26, 1922) and two children have been born:

548. DEANN AMES CLIFTON (547) was born December 16, 1948.

549. GARY HOWARD CLIFTON (547) was born April 3, 1952

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*With the angels he is marching,
Laurel wreaths upon his brow—
For his Country he has fallen;
Who will care for Eliza now?*

The above epitaph appears on a grave marker in the beautiful Six Corners Cemetery near Hicksville, Ohio. It is the heartrending last wail of a widow who had seen her husband march off "with the heroes"—expecting to participate in the war between the states. However, fever overtook him and death followed without Nehemiah, Jr., seeing any active service at all.

As to who cared for Eliza, no one can be sure—but the way in which Eliza cared for her children is the subject of this second part of chapter five. The integrity of the family was maintained, and Eliza (sister of Sarah, who had married John C. Ames) raised them to maturity with wonderful results.

The writer is indebted to Mrs. Eliza Otis Yarger for the assembling of the material on the family of Nehemiah Ames, Jr., which follows.

20. NEHEMIAH AMES, JR. (11) was born on March 11, 1833. He married Eliza Dutterer, born May 10, 1839, (see footnote page 45). They had five children, the last one born one month before his enlistment in the army. The Union Army took

him February 25, 1864 and he was stationed in Tennessee, where he contracted a violent fever and died on June 27, 1864. Eliza maintained the farm, lived until February 13, 1912, and raised the following children:

72. EMANUEL AMES (20) was born September 1, 1857 and died March 10, 1922. He married Malvina Edgar, who was born June 16, 1859 and died August 28, 1950. Children born include:

443. JAMES ERWIN AMES (72) was born June 10, 1887. He married Iva Langham, who was born May 10, 1891. They live in Toledo, Ohio, and are parents of:

549. MELVIN EDGAR AMES (443) was born Aug. 25, 1911 and died May 3, 1912.

550. FRANCES AMES BLACK (443) was born April 23, 1910.

551. WILLIAM AMES (443) was born Feb. 18, 1913.

444. LAUREN AMES (72) was born April 24, 1892, and married Della Mangus, who was born October 23, 1892 and who died November 14, 1953. They live in Bellville, Mich., and are parents of:

552. LAUREN DELBERT AMES (444) died at birth in 1913.

553. EULA AMES HAFT (444) was born October 26, 1914.

445. RUTH AMES (72) was born July 10, 1897 and died September 16, 1915. She married Fred Martell, and they had one daughter.

554. MILDRED MARTELL BALK (445) was born in September of 1914 and now lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

73. FRANCES AMES (20) was born February 16, 1859 and died March 1, 1946. She did beautiful quilting and had quilted 435 quilts when she died. She was loved by everyone and was known as "Auntie Lee" to the young folks, many of whom she had cared for at birth. She married John Lee, who was born June 11, 1851 and who died February 19, 1934.

446. CHARLES LEE (73) was born January 19, 1884. He married Ella Donley, who was born February 22, 1878. They are the parents of:

555. MARGARET LEE HARMES (446) was born Sept. 13, 1913.

447. NELLIE LEE (73) was born April 24, 1885, and married Dale Wertz.

448. HARRY LEE (73) was born October 11, 1887, and married Laura Blosser, who was born February 1, 1884. They are the parents of:

556. KENNETH B. LEE (448) was born Oct. 11, 1914.

557. KATHERINE M. LEE HEISLER (448) was born October 31, 1918.

558. ARLENE B. LEE PETER (488) was born May 6, 1929.

74. HANNA LODEMA AMES (20) was born December 8, 1862, and died May 18, 1894. She married Jasper Beightler, who was born May 31, 1856, and died March 9, 1932. They were the parents of:

449. IDA BEIGHTLER (74) was born December 13, 1885. She married Ray Easler and they had one son. Later she married Roy Sowers.

559. RICHARD EASLER (449) was born April 24, 1909.

450. BEULAH BEIGHTLER (74) died while still a small child.

75. JOHN AMES (20) was born in 1860 and died June 26, 1938. He had paralysis at the age of 20 and was partly crippled. He never married.

76. LORETTA AMES (20) was born January 13, 1864. She was a wonderful mother, and besides raising her family of eight, she did sewing for other people and later wove carpet and rugs. She was always called by the mothers in her neighborhood when children were to be born. Her services were freely given and she was proud of the number of babies she had given their first bath.

She married William Otis, who was born March 14, 1862. They were parents of eight children:

451. OLIVER ESTELL OTIS (76) was born June 6, 1882 and died November 5, 1937. He married Harriet A. Winn, who was born January 15, 1883 and who died July 17, 1934. They were the parents of:

560. ESTELL DREXEL OTIS (451) was born March 17, 1904.

561. CAROL L. OTIS BEAM (451) was born December 25, 1905.

562. VIRGIL E. OTIS (451) was born December 26, 1909, and died January 19, 1934.

563. GLADYS EVELYN OTIS (451) was born March 13, 1913 and died December 15, 1937.

564. MARION F. OTIS MONTAGUE (451) was born July 28, 1917.

452. LIBBIE B. OTIS (76) was born October 19, 1883. She married Dana Miller, who was born January 26, 1882, and who died January 3, 1946. They were parents of:

565. ZELMA MILLER PALMER (452) was born September 21, 1904.

566. WILLIAM E. MILLER (452) was born January 26, 1907.

567. FRANCES MILLER TYSON (452) was born April 17, 1910.

568. CHARLES R. MILLER (452) was born April 8, 1912.

569. FREDA MILLER (452) was born March 17, 1916 and died August 14, 1931.

570. GEORGE MILLER (452) was born March 23, 1919.

571. DERRILL MILLER (452) was born October 10, 1922.

453. CARRIE OTIS (76) was born April 17, 1885. She married Salvester Kisabeth and they are parents of:

572. INA M. KISABETH (453) was born Jan. 17, 1903.

573. ERMA KISABETH SHOLL (453) was born August 5, 1905.

574. CARL KISABETH (453) was born October 14, 1907.

575. NONA KISABETH NAUGY (453) was born November 29, 1909.

454. DORSEY E. OTIS (76) was born December 8, 1887. He married Alta Barrows, who died in 1910. Later he married Grace M. Moore, who was born January 9, 1893, and who died May 20, 1950. They were parents of:

576. HELEN OTIS (454) was born October 23, 1913 and died January 10, 1934.

577. KENNETH OTIS (454) was born October 29, 1917.

578. PAUL OTIS (454) was born June 21, 1925.

455. FLOTILLA OTIS (76) was born November 7, 1889. She married Harry Reas, who was born August 1, 1888. They are the parents of:

579. WELDON REAS (455) was born March 28, 1915.

580. WALTER REAS (455) was born August 30, 1917.

581. LAVERNE REAS TYSON (455) was born November 23, 1920.

582. DOROTHY REAS FETTERS (455) was born February 21, 1922.

583. LORA M. REAS HART (455) was born February 7, 1932.

456. GLENIOUS OTIS (76) was born February 7, 1893. She married Don Evans, a school teacher of the Hicksville vicinity, who was born August 2, 1890. They are parents of:

584. FARRELL EVANS (456) was born November 20, 1913.

585. VERENA EVANS MAXWELL (456) was born January 21, 1916.

586. AVENELL EVANS GINTER (456) was born December 28, 1918.

587. LEINA EVANS LIKES (456) was born March 16, 1924.

588. NOLA EVANS (456) was born April 2, 1927 and died October 5, 1927.

589. ROBERT EVANS (456) was born September 1, 1928.

590. LOLA EVANS MYERS (456) was born April 1, 1931.

457. BEULAH L. OTIS (76) was born April 3, 1895, and died April 29, 1939. She married Frank A. Poper, who was born on July 25, 1895. They did not have any children.

458. ELIZA OTIS (76) was born February 27, 1897. She married William Yarger, who was born August 21, 1895. Their children are:

591. ELDEAN YARGER (458) was born March 3, 1921.

592. BETTY YARGER ASKREN (458) was born April 11, 1922.

593. NORMA YARGER (458) was born November 12, 1923.

594. BANETA YARGER (458) was born April 23, 1925.

595. MAXINE YARGER SKEELS (458) was born January 24, 1927.

596. ALLEN R YARGER (458) was born December 20, 1930.

TABLE VIII

GEORGE AMES	married 1880	BARBARA REDIGER
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Barbara Rediger Ames died in 1893

GEORGE AMES	married 1895	LUNA OSMAN
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Luna Osman Ames died in 1897

GEORGE AMES 5-13-1958	married 2-26-1900	DELLA STEVENS
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Cecil A. Ames—1-19-1802

Florence Ames (Keller)— 2-11-1903	Lorraine Keller—7-17-1925 Henry Keller—II-14-1928 Richard Keller—4-27-1932
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George Ames died 3-3-1928

Della Stevens Ames died 7-12-1946

Half Brothers and Sisters, But Relatives All

George Washington Ames, only son of Nehemiah and Sarah Ann Ames, may not have had the largest family in the clan, and he may not have lived the longest; certainly his life, however, had more unique features in it than any of the others.

He was the only child in Nehemiah's family who duplicated his father's feat of marrying three times. In fact, in his case father, mother, and son, all married that often.

He was the only one who actually ran away from home and was entirely lost to the others for several years.

He was the only person located in all the writer's research who suffered the loss of three successive sons (none of whom lived to be a year old) and then proceeded to successfully raise the only daughter born to any of his three wives.

As a sequel to that, George lived to see his first granddaughter, but died a few months before his first grandson arrived—thus completing the male jinx that followed him doggedly all his life.

And (most remarkable of all, perhaps) he may be the only person most of the readers will ever hear of—indeed might be the only one in all history—who had a grand total of twenty-one half-brothers and sisters, yet had NOT A SINGLE FULL BLOOD BROTHER OR SISTER IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

It all came about this way:

When Nehemiah Ames married Sarah Ann Eyen on June 16, 1857, he was taking a second wife—but she had already been married twice before (though only just past 30 years of age.) Originally Sarah Ann Hulbert, she had given birth to two children by her first marriage, and two more by the second—all before marrying Nehemiah Ames. When George Ames was born to Nehemiah and Sarah Ann, he had these four as half-brothers through his mother's family—and there were eleven living half-brothers born to Nehemiah and Frances Craven Ames. The death of Sarah Ann about a week before George's second birthday, assured the fact there would be no full-brothers or sisters.

Then, when the patriarchal Nehemiah Ames married Eliza Roan, the six children born (see Table I) were enough to raise the total of half-brothers and sisters to twenty-one.

23. GEORGE WASHINGTON AMES (11) was born May 31, 1858. His father having remarried after the death of his mother, domestic difficulties with the step-mother caused the young man at 17 to leave home and follow the prevailing advice of that time: "Go west, young man, go west." For some time he was lost to all members of the family, but soon after his 19th birthday he was in the State of Illinois, finally settling near Hudson, McLean County, as a farmer with 240 acres of land.

He married, first, Barbara Rediger, in 1880. Thirteen years later, during childbirth, the wife

was unable to overcome the ravages of influenza. Both she and the child (a son) died.

Two years later, George Ames married Luna Osman in 1895. Misfortune repeated itself and in 1897 Luna had a tragic brain fever at the time of childbirth and both son and mother died.

Not discouraged, though unquestionably shocked by this turn of events, the twice widowed man married again on February 26, 1900. On January 19, 1902, Della Stevens Ames gave birth to a son, and there was rejoicing in the Ames household, for both mother and son survived. However, the boy, (named Cecil A. Ames) died four months later to repeat Mr. Ames' horrible experience with male heirs for the third time.

On February 11, 1903, another child was born, and she was destined to survive, to marry twice and to have three children of her own. The male jinx that followed George Ames continued, however. Although he lived to see his first granddaughter born in 1925, he died in the Spring of the year before the arrival of his first grandson, who was born in the winter that followed.

Death came to George Ames on March 3, 1928, after many months of intense suffering brought on by a severe injury. Thrown from a wagon onto a concrete walk in October of 1927, the severe pain had hardly begun to subside when loss of vision, then hearing, followed in rapid succession.

Mrs. Ames, a highly intellectual woman, who always showed great interest in the finer things of life, died July 12, 1946, after a deep cerebral

hemorrhage had completely incapacitated her only ten days before.

79. FLORENCE AMES (23) was born February 11, 1903. Coming as the only child after three sons has been lost, she was literally adopted as son as well as daughter by the parents. On August 2, 1924 Florence married Henry Keller. Of interest is the fact that the presiding minister was Lee Wilfred Ames. A cousin, once removed, of the bride, he was son of Henry Franklin Ames (See page 53).

154. LORRAINE KELLER (79) was born July 17, 1925. Married while still very young, she and her children occupy one of the apartments in the building owned by the mother and stepfather in Chicago, Ill.

459. Samuel, aged 11 in 1955.

460. David, aged 9.

461. Ariana, aged 5.

155. HENRY (Bud) KELLER (79) was born November 14, 1928, just a few months after his grandfather's death. He has spent four years of service with the Air Force, mostly in England. Marrying a war widow from Flint, Wales, he returned in the spring of 1955 to get her. Together with the bride's mother and two children (Marilyn, 8, and Irene, 5) they will make their home in Bloomington, Ill., before this book is printed. He has responsible work there as an IBM supervisor and operator.

156. RICHARD KELLER (79) was born April 27, 1932. He is in the last year of a four-year term of service in 1955, with the Air Force. One and a half years of it were in Korea. Now stationed at Bryan Air Force Base, Bryan, Texas, he has IBM experience for use after his Military service has ended.

On July 14, 1949, Florence Ames married John Humphires. They moved to Chicago, where they own an apartment building. The husband is em-

ployed by the Jewell Foods Company as a butcher, and Florence herself is a typist and bookkeeper with Dormeyer Products Co.

There is another group of descendants from the Nehemiah Ames lineage which is only half-blood related to those outlined in the first five chapters—and half-blood to the George Ames descendants of the first part of this chapter.

Reference is made to those who are related to the patriarch through his marriage to the third wife and who complete the “half brothers and sisters” referred to in the opening statements of chapter six.

An account of this branch of descent will not be as detailed as those which preceded it—many of the line who have moved away have ignored communications to them mailed by the writer, and letters addressed to others have been returned unclaimed, indicating they have moved on with no forwarding address.

The writer will include in the appendix whatever additional information he is able to glean as this book proceeds to completion.

Most of the material printed here has been accumulated either directly from Charles Byers (No. 81 below) or as a result of contacts he has made possible. The frontispiece of this book, a picture of Nehemiah Ames himself, was obtained through Mr. Byers' courtesy and cooperation. It was found hanging (away from ravages of moisture and light) in an attic room near the site of Nehemiah's original home—not far from Farmer Center, Ohio.

TABLE IX

BETSY AMES

married

DAVID BYERS

4-20-1862

5-20 1848

Rena Byers (Hoblutzel) —
1-8-1878

Lavona Hoblutzel
Ralph Hoblutzel
Ruth Hoblutzel

Charles Byers—1879 —

Harvey Byers 9-23-1900
Lillian Byers 12-18-1901
William Byers 6-8-1903
Ruth Byers 3-17-1905
Chester Byers 5-23-1908
Raymond Byers 8-10-1909
Charles Byers 8-13-1911
John Byers 8-24-1913
Lester Byers 3-1-1915
Oscar Byers 4-19-1917

Olive Maude Byers—
(Underwood) — 4-26-1885

Laura Underwood (Clark)
10-25-1903
Olga Underwood (Peterson)
4-12-1905
Dorothy Underwood
(Cooley) 3-11-1907
Daniel Underwood 10-26-1909
George Underwood 4-22-1914
Merlin Underwood 9-10-1917
Evelyn Underwood (Erter)
10-27-1918
Albert Underwood 8-12-1919
Elvin Underwood 8-9-1922
Eileen Underwood 5-26-1924
Doris Underwood (Sievers)
6-11-1926
Emanuel Underwood
2-10-1928

Betsy Byers died 1-8-1949

24. BETSY AMES (11), first child of Nehemiah and Eliza Roan Ames, was born April 20, 1862, when the patriarch was 70 years of age. She married David Byers and settled in Farmer Township, where many of her descendants still reside. The husband was born May 10, 1848 and died April 15, 1912. Betsy herself lived until January 8, 1949, dying just before what would have been her 87th birthday. Five children were born in the Byers family:

80. RENA BYERS (24) was born January 8, 1878 and lived until 1914. She married Emil Hoblutzel and three children were born:

157. LAVONA HOBLUTZEL (80) was the first child of Rena and Emil. She married R. A. Thomas and they moved to Pittsburgh, Pa.

158. RALPH HOBLUTZEL (80) was first son, and now lives in South Bend, Indiana.

159. RUTH HOBLUTZEL (80) is now deceased.

81. CHARLES BYERS (24) was born in 1879. He married Cora Underwood, who was one year his senior. Before her death in 1944, a large family was born. Mr. Byers lives nearest of any relative to the geographical location of Nehemiah's long residence in Defiance County—on the very same site, in fact. Flossie Ames, widow of Rollie Ames (see chapter four) was housekeeper for him at the time material for this book was being assembled—and it was while searching for information on Rollie that the first contact with this third line of Nehemiah's lineage was made. Mr. Byers, with information, addresses of people to contact, and with the picture which forms the

frontispiece, has been most cooperative in helping meet the writer's needs.

160. HARVEY BYERS (81) was first child of Charles and Cora Byers, born September 23, 1900. Four children have been born.

462. RICHARD BYERS (160) was born in 1925.

463. ROBERT BYERS (160) was born in 1930.

464. RONNIE BYERS (160) was born in 1935.

465. PATRICA BYERS (160) was born in 1938.

161. LILLIAN BYERS (81) was born December 18, 1901. One daughter, Grace Byers Miller, was born before her decease.

162. WILLIAM BYERS (81) was born June 8, 1903, and died with no children.

163. RUTH BYERS (81) was born March 17, 1905. She has three sons.

466. DEWAYNE

467. HOWARD

468. RAY

164. CHESTER BYERS (81) was born May 23, 1908. He is now deceased.

165. RAYMOND BYERS (81) was born August 10, 1909. There have been no children.

166. CHARLES BYERS (81) was born August 13, 1911. He has no children.

167. JOHN BYERS (81) was born August 24, 1913. Children born include:

469. MARY BYERS (167) was born February 4, 1940.

470. DAVID BYERS (167) was born January 24, 1942.

471. JAMES BYERS (167) was born August 14, 1943.

472. LARRY BYERS (167) was born Jan. 8, 1947.

168. LESTER BYERS (81) was born March 1, 1915. Children born include:

473. ARLAN BYERS (168) was born Feb. 21, 1944.

474. CANDACE BYERS (168) was born Feb. 9, 1945.

475. DIANNE BYERS (168) was born April 17, 1950.

169. OSCAR BYERS (81) was born April 19, 1917. No children have been born.

82. OLIVE MAUDE BYERS (24) was born April 26, 1885. She married George Underwood

born April 28, 1881. Before his death on September 3, 1941 the following large family was born:

170. LAURA VIOLA UNDERWOOD (82) was born October 25, 1903. She married Avery Sherman Clark (born November 11, 1883) and the following children have been born:

476. SAMUEL E. CLARK (170) was born July 12, 1925 and married Florida Pence.

477. ALBERT E. CLARK (170) was born July 7, 1927 and married Katharine Murphy.

478. EDNA M. CLARK (170) was born December 21, 1929 and married Harold A. Cooley.

479. BURL S. CLARK (170) was born December 13, 1931 and married Helen Keck.

480. CHARLES L. CLARK (170) was born May 26, 1934.

481. BETSY A. CLARK (170) was born September 3, 1936 and married Mack Watson.

482. ROBERT L. CLARK (170) was born January 29, 1940. He is deceased.

171. OLGA UNDERWOOD (82) was born April 12, 1905 and married a man by the name of Peterson. No other information is available at this writing.

172. DORTHY BETSY UNDERWOOD (82) was born March 11, 1907. She married John Lincoln Cooley (born March 22, 1899). Two children were born before his death May 12, 1954.

483. LOREN JOHN COOLEY (172) was born August 10, 1927, and married Mollie Phillips.

484. WALTER GEORGE COOLEY (172) and married Evelyn Bixler.

173. DANIEL ELMER UNDERWOOD (82) was born October 26, 1909, and married Hazel B. Nichols (born May 19, 1911.)

174. GEORGE HENRY UNDERWOOD (82) was born April 22, 1914, and married Maxine Marie Beattie (born January 11, 1923). A large family has been born:

485. DELORES JUNE UNDERWOOD (174) was born June 2, 1940.

486. DONALD RAY UNDERWOOD (174) was born November 6, 1941.

487. RONALD LEE UNDERWOOD (174) was born November 20, 1942.

488. HAROLD EUGENE UNDERWOOD (174) was born December 20, 1943.

489. GEORGE HENRY UNDERWOOD (174) was born December 3, 1944.

490. HELEN EILEEN UNDERWOOD (174) was born November 16, 1945.

491. JOYCE MARIE UNDERWOOD (174) was born March 6, 1947.

492. SANDRA MAE UNDERWOOD (174) was born May 8, 1948.

493. KAREN ELOISE UNDERWOOD (174) was born November 25, 1949.

494. DARL ALLEN UNDERWOOD (174) was born February 15, 1951.

495. NANCY CAROL UNDERWOOD (174) was born February 3, 1952.

496. TERRY WALTER UNDERWOOD (174) was born August 11, 1953.

497. THOMAS WAYNE UNDERWOOD (174) was born July 3, 1954.

498. DENNIS LAVERN UNDERWOOD (174) was born July 20, 1955.

175. MERLIN UNDERWOOD (82) was born September 10, 1917 and lived only until December 16, 1917.

176. EVELYN UNDERWOOD (82) was born October 27, 1918. She married Harry Bradford Erter, and two children have been born.

601. SHARLENE KAY ERTER (176) was born October 6, 1947.

602. RACHEL FAYE ERTER (176) was born October 14, 1949.

177. ALBERT UNDERWOOD (82) was born August 12, 1919.

178. ELVIN CLAIRE UNDERWOOD (82) was born August 9, 1923, and married Marilyn Coy (born June 29, 1929). Three children have been born to this couple.

603. ROBERT ELVIN UNDERWOOD (178) was born March 14, 1950.

604. JAMES HERBERT UNDERWOOD (178) was born October 3, 1951.

605. SOPHIE MARIE UNDERWOOD (178) was born August 18, 1953.

179. EILEEN UNDERWOOD (82) was born May 26, 1924.

180. DORIS UNDERWOOD (82) was born June 11, 1926, and married Erdis Conwon Seevers.

606. BETTY JEAN SEEVERS (180) was born January 13, 1942.

607. ROBERT SEEVERS (180) was born March 20, 1943.

608. ROSEMARY SEEVERS (180) was born July 26, 1944.

609. CAROL SEEVERS (180) was born September 18, 1945.

610. SAMUEL SEEVERS (180) was born Jan. 9, 1946.

611. JERRY SEEVERS (180) was born October 24, 1950.

612. LINDA SEEVERS (180) was born Nov. 10, 1950.

613. CONNIE SEEVERS (180) was born Oct. 22, 1952.

614. PEGGY SEEVERS (180) was born Oct. 14, 1954.

181. EMANUEL UNDERWOOD (82) was born February 10, 1928. He married Virginia M. Moore (born June 2, 1932).

615. EDWARD DEAN UNDERWOOD (181) was born July 29, 1949.

616. DONALD EUGENE UNDERWOOD (181) was born December 19, 1951.

83. JULIA BYERS (24) married a man by the name of Cameron.

84. CARMIE BYERS (24) married a man by the name of Hutchins.

25. DELILAH JANE AMES (11) was born July 9, 1864. She married George Franklin Keller (born January 10, 1861.) The husband died December 15, 1937, and Delilah February 22, 1938, after the following children were born.

85. CHESTER FLEET KELLER (25) was born August 24, 1888, and died December 13, 1907.

85a. JAMES FLOYD KELLER (25) was born July 5, 1890 and died December 3, 1893.

86. DONALD WARD KELLER (25) was born April 14, 1897 and married Viola Comstock January 5, 1918.

182. MARIAN MAXINE KELLER (86) married Delmar Ludeker October 3, 1937.

183. DONALD WILLIAM LUDEKER (182) was born August 24, 1938.

184. DAVID LEROY LUDEKER (182) was born June 17, 1940.

185. ROSE MARIE LUDEKER (182) was born February 20, 1944.

186. MARILYN JANE LUDEKER (182) was born October 13, 1947.

187. JOHN FRANKLIN LUDEKER (182) was born February 17, 1949.

188. MARGARET RAE LUDEKER (182) was born October 21, 1953.

87. LELAND WALKER KELLER (25) was born May 27, 1900. He married Myrtle Floring on January 6, 1921.

189. LELAND WALKER KELLER (87) was born October 30, 1922. He married and is living in the west or south.

190. ELWOOD CHARLES KELLER (87) was born November 22, 1924. He married and is living in the west or south.

Both Leland Jr. and Elwood Keller are married—one lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., the other in West Palm Beach, Fla. The writer is hoping to ascertain which and to get further details on their families for the appendix.

88. MINNIE LAVERA KELLER (25) was born September 28, 1894. On February 24, 1917, she married Walter C. Swartz. The name is placed out of chronological order here because an erroneous placement was given to the writer for insertion in chapter one—and the numbers there are thus preserved.

Other half-brothers and sisters (born to Nehemiah and Eliza Roan Ames) are listed in chapter 1 on pages 11 and 12.

TABLE X

DELILAH AMES	married	GEORGE KELLER
7-9-1864		1-10-1861

Chester Fleet Keller
8-24-1888

James Floyd Keller
7-5-1890

Minnie Lavera Keller
(Swartz) 9-28-1894

Donald Ward Keller	—————	Marian Maxine Keller
4-14-1897		(Ludeker)

Leland Walker Keller	—————	Leland Walker Keller
5-27-1900		10-30-1922
		Elwood Charles Keller
		11-23-1924

Delilah Keller died 2-22-1938

7.

One Generation After Another

One of the most striking things about the study of genealogy is the remarkable way in which nature strikes a balance between the sexes in succeeding generations. The influence of this reversal on the number of males who carry on the family name is clearly illustrated in the case of Nehemiah Ames and his decendants.

Of the 19 children born to Nehemiah, 12 were males. This would indicate that a similar increase in number might produce 144 male grandchildren. Actually, however, only 65 grandchildren have been located in this writer's research, and of these 26 were males, carrying the Ames name.

Four of the seven children born to Nehemiah's second and third wives were males—but only one male (after several generations) lives from all that lineage at this time to carry on the NAME. Reference is made to ROBERT AMES (number 95 on page 12).

Although William Ames, son of Nehemiah, had seven children, four of them males—only two males (Vern Elvin and John Harold) appeared in the next generation to carry on the name. Neither Vern nor Harold had any sons—so that entire lineage loses the AMES name altogether in the present generation. (See chapter 3).

John C. Ames had the largest family of all. Of his fourteen children, nine were boys. How-

ever, in all these lineages, only five males descendants survived to maturity so they could marry and carry on the AMES name this present generation. A mere three males have been located among their descendants to continue the name further.

Only among the children of James Ames (oldest son of Nehemiah) did any large number of males appear in the next generation. Eleven Ames boys were grandchildren of James Ames, but among great grandchildren there has been no increase—eleven again.

So Nehemiah, with nineteen children, 65 grandchildren, 136 great grandchildren, and over four hundred descendants in generations since that, faces a prospect of losing his identity among his own descendants. There are no more MALES in his line of descent living in the present generation than there were CHILDREN in Nehemiah's own family. Of the more than six hundred who have called him FATHER in the genealogical sense, no more than twenty survive to give the name AMES to their children in this generation.

The writer leaves it to the reader to pursue this idea further. Reference to the different tables in part I will show graphically at a glance just how several boys in one generation either have no children or find a predominance of females among those born to them. The girls, with surprising frequency, will notice larger numbers of boys among their offspring.

There is a law of heredity involved here, but this is not a book on genetics.

To prove that the idea doesn't always work out this way—that it is a rule which has exceptions, refer to Part II, and to the family of John Ira Ames in particular (see Table XIII.)

PART II

JABEZ AND ELIZABETH

*Other Ames Families
Originating in
Washington County
Pennsylvania
and
Their Descendants*

One Hundred and Sixty-six Years

1790 - 1956

SEPTEMBER 8, 1866

Dear Brother,

I now take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well at present and I hope that these few lines may find you the same.

We have had pretty hard times here this summer; wheat harvesting is very poor here. Wheat is 200 and 20 to 50 cents a Bushel. I have seen hard times since I last saw you. In my family I have buried two women and I now have my third wife. Mary and Harmon are both dead; William and Lisa and Theophilus and wife are dead and Nehemiah and Julyan and Henry are dead. All the names mentioned here are dead, all of which are my Children except Harmon and Febe also. Seven of my grand children are dead.

Well Brother John, I am getting along very well yet, old as I am. I am 74 years old the 24 of this month from all accounts, and I am now great grandfather. I have rented my place to one of my grandsons for five years. Dear Brother I would like to see you, if it was so I could. But we are so far apart that it is hardly worth while to talk about it.

Dear Brother I want you to write as soon as this comes to hand and tell me all the news about the folks. I want to know how Mark Mitchel is getting along, if he is alive. Also Esq. Bentley if he is alive. I would like to hear from them all as soon as possible.

My son James is yet alive and getting along slowly; he is worth about 4 thousand dollars in all. He is putting up a frame house this summer. My son William when he died was worth in all 7 thousand dollars. My son John is yet alive and getting along very well; he is worth about 7 thousand dollars. My son Theophilus is dead; when he died, was worth 5 thousand dollars. My son Henry died when he was 21 years old. My son Nehemiah when he died was worth about 3 thousand dollars.

Dear Brother I have written all the news I can think of at present. Please write as soon as this comes to hand.

So goodbye Brother,
From Nehemiah and Elisa Ames
To his Brother John Ames

When you write Direct thus:

Farmer Center, Defiance County, Ohio

This letter was written on patriotic stationery. In the upper left hand corner of the first page was a big blue central star with thirteen points—at the end of each point was a small three cornered patriotic star and stripe shield; out of the top point of the shield a flag mast stood and atop the mast was an American Flag with stars and stripes—and still farther out, atop each flag a red star. Over the whole design was an eagle with outstretched wings and under it, carried in its beak, a long red ribbon floating in the breeze, inscribed "E Pluribus Unum:"

A caption at the top of the sheet read, "The Star of Destiny."

8.

The Father and His Oldest Son

The relationship between Parts I and II of this book is more clearly brought out by the letter which faces this page than could be done by any statement the writer might prepare. In that communication, the hero of the preceding pages wrote to the hero of those which follow. Nehemiah, oldest of the brothers in the family, was 74 at the time, and John, the youngest of the children, was 59.

Of particular interest is the statement at the close of the second paragraph: "Dear Brother I would like to see you, if it was so I could. But we are so far apart that it is hardly worth while to talk about it." In the ninety years which have elapsed since Nehemiah wrote those words, progress in transportation has been so great that a modern commercial airline makes the entire distance in less than an hour.* An average motorist can drive from one place to the other between breakfast and dinner time, and have ample time for a stopover about midway for lunch.

But, although details on the life of Nehemiah and his descendants has been so abundant that ninety pages were required to print what has been learned—and data on John's descendants is only slightly less voluminous—the father of these two men was still almost a legendary character after two years of research into his background and life.

*The proposed rocket ships for transcontinental transport would pass over one place less than two minutes after hitting the meridian of the other.

TABLE XI

JOHN AMES

April 17, 1807

MARY THOMPSON

Married

May 2, 1808

Roseann Ames (Mayhart)- 1-11-1828	Charles H. Ames—6-12-1861 Catherine Mayhart (Beall) Leticia Mayhart (Dodd) Newton Mayhart Charles Mayhart
Elizabeth "Betty"— Ames (Bush)—1829	Henry Bush Isaac Bush Ralph Bush William Bush "Sis" Bush
Arthur A. Ames — 4-26-1831	Sarah M. Ames (Bowman) 12-22-54 Ella Mae Ames (Pollock) 5-31-57 Anna Ames (Deems) 12-1-1859 Johnnie Ames 7-11-1861 Arthur A. Ames 3-11-1867 U. S. Grant Ames 11-2-1868 Nora Ames (Sharrar) 4-30-1871 John Ira Ames 5-2-1873 Sametta Ames 3-27-1876
Mary Ann (Margaret) Ames (Dewalt) 1835	Alice Ames (Rohrer) 1863 Anna Mary Ames 11-12-1866 Hiram B. Ames 8-9-1868
Erastus Ames — 1-21-1838	John E. Ames 4-8-1872 Charles H. Ames 6-17-1874 Homer Hanson Ames 4-15-1887
Demas Ames— 10-17-1840	Arabella Ames (Conkle) Joshua A. Ames 11-30-1862 Elizabeth Ames (Grable) 10-3-1865 Emmor Ames 5-15-1867 Mary Ann Ames (Yoders)
John Martin Ames — 5-1-1844	Ida Ames (White) 11-7-1867 Keteurah Ames (Miller) 3-5-1869 William H. Ames 9-25-1870 Orpha Ames (Lucas) 7-2-'72
Joshua Ames Celia Ames— Samuel Ames	All died in infancy

John Ames died April 18, 1884

It is quite evident that John attained much greater wealth than did Nehemiah—and this, no doubt, accounts for the older brother's constant reference to the financial attainments of his children in the letter.

One remarkable thing about John's descendants as revealed in Part II, is the much greater proportion of males to carry on the family line in the present generation as compared with the fading masculinity of the Nehemiah family.

620. JOHN AMES (10) youngest child of Jabez and Elizabeth Ames was born April 17, 1807. He married Mary Thompson (born May 2, 1808, one of the nine children of Thomas and Roseann Thompson).^{*} Although he did not leave Washington County as so many of his brothers did, John had the wanderlust to a lesser degree. No less than four houses in North Bethlehem and West Bethlehem Townships are known to have been occupied by his family as they moved from place to place. None, however, are far from the Scenery Hill, Pa., area. He acquired extensive land holdings before his death on April 18, 1884 (aged 77 years).

He preceded his older brother Nehemiah in death by only seven months, but of course was

^{*} Thomas and Roseann Thompson moved to Washington County from Allegheny between 1788 and 1791. Their children include:

David Thompson, born December 25, 1788, in Allegheny County.

Eliza Thompson, born September 9, 1791 in Washington County.

William Thompson, born June 5, 1794.

Frederick Thompson, born May 22, 1798.

Anthony Thompson, born May 25, 1800.

Margaret Thompson, born December 27, 1803.

Catherine Thompson, born August 28, 1805.

Mary Thompson, May 2, 1808.

Isaac M. Thompson, born August 31, 1812.

TABLE XII

ARTHUR A. AMES
April 26, 1831

Married

MARIA GRIFFITH
January 18, 1836

Sarah Martha Ames———
(Bowman) 12-22-1854

Barney Bowman 1-18-1886
Daniel Bowman 12-6-1888

Ella Mae Ames———
Pollock 5-31-1857

Joella Pollock (Bane)
1-3-1884
Joetta Pollock (Teale)
1-3-1884
Robert Pollock 8-19-1891

Anna Ames (Deems)———
12-1-1859

Raymond Deems 9-27-1891
Anna Deems (Reed)
7-8-1893
Amanda Deems (Frederick)
9-6-1904

Johnnie Ames 7-11-1861

William B. Ames 11-24-1895
Edna Ames (Stein)
5-26-1897

Arthur A. Ames ———
3-11-1867

Arthamer Ames 4-1-1899
Loretta Ames (Peace)
2-19-1901
Florence Ames (Moore)
12-26-1903

U. S. Grant Ames———
11-2-1868

Sherman Ames 4-23-1895
Charlene Ames (Furnier) 11-27-'96
Marsh Ames 8-18-1899
Rena Ames (Stepp) 5-13-1901
Gertrude Ames (Crow) 3-5-1911
Stanley Ames 4-29-1913
Gail Ames 7-21-1915
Rebekah Ames (Hamilton)
11-24-1917

Nora Ames (Sharrer)———
4-30-1871

Rachel Sharrer (Newman)
4-15-1909
Samuel Sharrer 5-20-1923

John I. Ames 5-2-1873———

J. Oscar Ames 2-18-1897
W. Donald Ames 11-2-1898
Freda Ames (Leyda) 9-29-1900
Sheldon L. Ames 2-11-1903
Kenneth M. Ames 9-20-1904
Wilda M. Ames 4-28-1907
Mildred Ames (Farrell) 12-15-1908
Oakley R. Ames 1-20-1911
Bernard N. Ames 5-4-1913
Audrey A. Ames 3-27-1916
Q. Duane Ames 9-9-1918
Adrian D. Ames 9-9-1920

Sametta Ames 3-27-1876

Arthur A. Ames died September 9, 1901



JOHN IRA AMES—1873-
and JULIA NEWKIRK AMES—1877-1958
who lived over 62 years together at Clover Hill
(See pages 111 to 122 and picture facing 113)

nearly 16 years younger at the time. Mrs. Ames lived several years longer and resided in the Demas Ames household almost as long as Demas and Lydia lived. A considerable part of John's fortune was lost in legal disagreements between two of the brothers after his death. The matter involved was a gift of cash made to one of the heirs just before John's decease.

621. ROSEANN AMES (620) was born January 11, 1852. She married a man by the name of Mayhart, and had five children before her death July 30, 1905.

717. CHARLES H. AMES (621) first son of Roseann was born June 12, 1861 and died Feb. 21, 1884, without marrying.

718. CATHERINE MAYHART (621) married Fred Beall.

719. LETICIA MAYHART (621) married Cephas Dodd.

720. NEWTON MAYHART (621) was another son.

721. CHARLES MAYHART (621) was another son.

622. ELIZABETH "Betty" AMES (620) was born in 1829. She married Henry Bush and they had the following children:

722. HENRY BUSH (622) was one son.

723. ISAAC BUSH (622) was another son.

724. RALPH BUSH (622) was another son.

725. JOHN BUSH (622) was son of Betty and Henry.

There is also supposed to be a William Bush in the family and a girl known as "Sis."

623. ARTHUR A. AMES (620) was born April 26, 1831, the oldest son of John and Mary Thompson Ames. He married Maria Griffith (born January 18, 1836). After raising a family of nine

(two of whom were yet alive as this was written) Arthur and his wife died less than two months apart—she July 22, 1901, and he on September 9 immediately following. Arthur's name was originally Arthemor or Arthamer.

726. SARAH MARTHA AMES (623) was born December 22, 1854. She married Barney Bowman, and they had two sons before her untimely death December 29, 1885, when she was just one week past her thirty first birthday.

801. BARNEY BOWMAN, JR. (726) was born January 18, 1886, and died August 21, 1941.

802. DANIEL BOWMAN (726) was born December 6, 1888, and died December 22, 1917.

727. ELLA MAE AMES (623) was born May 31, 1857. She married Joseph Pollock (born May 24, 1856.) Before his death August 18, 1891, they had three children. Although her husband had died at the age of 36, Ella Mae was nearly 85 when she died March 3, 1942.

803. JOELLA POLLOCK (727) was born January 3, 1884. She married a man by the name of Bane.

804. JOETTA POLLOCK (727) was born January 3, 1884, a twin of Joella. She married a man by the name of Teale.

805. ROBERT POLLOCK (727) was born August 19, 1891.

728. ANNA AMES (623) was born December 1, 1859. She married Ellsworth Deems (born January 21, 1861. After they had had three children, Ellsworth died at the age of 78, on March 6, 1939. Anna lived until April 2, 1947, thus attaining an age well past 87.

806. RAYMOND DEEMS (728) was born September 27, 1891.

807. ANNA DEEMS (728) was born July 8, 1893, and married a man by the name of Reed.

808. AMANDA DEEMS (728) was born September 6, 1904, and married a man by the name of Frederick.

729. JOHNNIE AMES (623) was born July 11, 1861. He was the only child in this family who did not survive to maturity. He died at the age of eight years, September 24, 1869.

730. ARTHUR A. AMES (623) was born March 11, 1867. His name is sometimes listed Arthemor. He married Elizabeth Crisner (born October 13, 1873.) There were five children born in this family before Arthur died May 2, 1928. Elizabeth lived almost until her 70th birthday, dying August 29, 1943.

809. WILLIAM B. AMES (730) was born November 24, 1895.

810. EDNA AMES (730) was born May 26, 1897, and married a man by the name of Stein.

811. ARTHUR AMER AMES (730) was born April 1, 1899. His name seems to have dropped the Arthemor or Arthamer and made it into two words.

812. LORETTA AMES (730) was born February 19, 1901. She married a man by the name of Peace.

813. FLORENCE AMES (730) was born December 26, 1903, and married a man by the name of Moore.

731. U. S. GRANT AMES (623) was born November 2, 1868. He married on August 2, 1894, Elizabeth Ferguson (born January 17, 1876), and they had a large family before his death April 24, 1930. Their entire married life was spent on a farm in Somerset Township.

814. SHERMAN AMES (731) was born April 23, 1895, and studied to prepare himself as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He married Nora Shaffer at Greensburg, on July 30, 1919. They now live at Easton, Pa. Their children are:

901. BETTY RUTH AMES (814) was born March 14, 1921, and married Thomas Evans June 28, 1943. They live at Lorraine, Ohio, with their three children Thomas, Lynn and Curtis.

902. NORA AMES (814) was born April 10, 1922 and married John Ricci September 9, 1950. They live in Iowa City, Iowa, with their one son John.

903. SHERMAN AMES II (814) was born July 6, 1923, and married Elizabeth Skelton of Meadville, Pa., on June 29, 1946. They now live in Phillipsburg, N. J., with their children Leta, Sherman III, and Abbe.

903. JOHN REED AMES (814) was born in August 1925, but did not live a month.

815. CHARLENE AMES (731) was born November 27, 1896. She married Charles Furnier July 11, 1925, and they live in Charleroi, Pa., where he is employed. She is a public school teacher, and has been of considerable assistance in getting material for this book.

816. MARSH AMES (731) was born August 19, 1899. On June 2, 1927, he married Margaret Greenlee of Bentleyville, Pa. He is associated with the large mortuary business that has branches in Bentleyville and Beallsville, and lives in the latter town. Children include:

904. RICHARD AMES (816) was born June 1, 1929. He married Elizabeth Bowers on July 7, 1951, and they live in Columbus, Ohio.

905. CHARLES AMES (816) was born February 2, 1932. He married Martha Grendel, and they live in San Diego, Cal., with their one child Linda.

817. RENA AMES (731) was born May 13, 1901 and married Edwin Stepp, April 15, 1920. They live in Marianna, Pa. Children are:

906. HARRY U. STEPP (817) was born November 7, 1920, and married Jean Serenta April 29, 1946. Their children are, Patricia Jean and Regis Harry; they live in Marianna.

907. ROBERT STEPP (817) was born December 26, 1921, and died February 24, 1926, when only a little over five years old.

908. JOHN C. STEPP (817) was born April 29, 1924, and married Birdella Lieflander January 31, 1947. They live in Fond Du Lac, Wis., with their children John A., Mark and James. Another son, Paul is deceased.

909. EDWIN LEE STEPP (817) was born December 13, 1926 and married Ann Nelson September 24, 1949. They live in Marianna, Pa., with John and Edwin Lee, their two sons.

910. KAY LYNN STEPP (817) was born June 28, 1935 and married Carolyn Joyce Pivovar on June 27, 1954. They live in Washington, Pa.

818. GERTRUDE AMES (731) was born March 5, 1911 and married Wayne Crow September 16, 1931. They live in Bentleyville, Pa., on RFD No. 1. Their children are:

911. GENE CROW (818) was born August 15, 1932 and married Florence D'Orazio March 12, 1951. Their children are Karen Marie and Gene Lee.

912. MARTHA ELIZABETH CROW (818) was born November 14, 1933, and married Donald Barker June 5, 1954. They live in San Diego, Cal., with their one child, Dawn Lucinda.

913. LARRY WAYNE CROW (818) was born December 21, 1936.

914. FRED ALLEN CROW (818) was born May 19, 1942.

819. JOHN STANLEY AMES (731) was born April 29, 1913 and died October 26, 1943. He married Ruth Lucy on May 13, 1928.

915. BEVERLY RAE AMES (819) was born October 21, 1938.

820. GAIL AMES (731) was born July 21, 1915 and married Marie Barr on July 10, 1937. They live in Bentleyville, Pa.

916. GEORGE GRANT AMES (820) was born September 1, 1948, and died the same day.

821. REBEKAH JEAN AMES (731) was born November 24, 1917. She married Stanley Hamilton, July 12, 1938. They live at Washington, Pa., RFD. Children include:

917. STEPHEN HAMILTON (821) was born October 13, 1943.

918. TIMOTHY HAMILTON (821) was born September 28, 1948.

919. MICHAEL HAMILTON (821) was born November 20, 1949.

920. REBEKAH JEAN HAMILTON (821) was born June 28, 1952.

732. NORA AMES (603) was born April 30, 1871. She married John Sharrer (born April 2, 1870) and though they did not have any children of their own they adopted two. John died April 21, 1938. Since then Nora, now 84 years of age, has divided time between her home near Scenery Hill, and the residence of Joella Bane.

822. RACHEL SHARRER (adopted) was born April 15, 1909.

823. SAMUEL SHARRER (adopted) was born May 20, 1923.

733. JOHN IRA AMES (630) was born May 2, 1873. He married Julia Newkirk. Turn to chapter ten for full details of this remarkable family.

624. MARY ANN AMES (620) was born in 1835 and married a man by the name of Dewalt.

Other Children of John

625. ERASTUS AMES (620) was born January 21, 1838 and first married Rebecca Gray, then married Livinia Bennett, who was born March 5, 1848. Erastus was a carpenter and a very large man weighing over 300 pounds at one time in his life. For a time he lived in the town of Washington, then for over 20 years at Pancake, Washington County. Later he returned to the

TABLE XIII

ERASTUS AMES January 21, 1838	Married	REBEKAH GRAY
		Bert Rohrer 1880 Otto Rohrer 1883 Estella Rohrer (Dague) 1885 Edith Rohrer 1887 Ida Rohrer (Miles) 1890 Nann Rohrer (Hartley) 1897 Mildred Rohrer (Smith) 1901
Alice Ames (Rohrer) — 1863		
ERASTUS AMES January 21, 1838	Married	LIVINIA BENNETT March 5, 1848
Anna Mary Ames 11-12-1866 Hiram B. Ames 8-9-1868 John E. Ames 4-8-1872		
		Harry Ames 5-16-1898 Raymond Ames 9-8-1900 Mildred Ames (Carpenter) 2-18-1903 Willard Ames 4-21-1905 Mabel Ames (Kendall) 12-27-1907 Madeline Ames (Gordon) 3-10-1912 Darrel Ames 10-14-1914 Laura Dell Ames 5-23-1919
Charles H. Ames — 6-17-1874		
Homer Hanson Ames 4-15-1887		
Erastus Ames Died 6-15-1905		

county seat, where he died June 15, 1905. The widow lived until December 20, 1920.

One of the interesting incidents of his life was a visit to his uncle Col. George Ames, in Iowa. While there, he engaged in a fight with one of George's sons—and the mother, an Indian, entered the fray when Erastus won the encounter. Swinging an axe with reckless abandon she gave chase—and Erastus saved his life by ducking behind a woodpile just as the "squaw" buried the axe in the wood near his head. Needless to say, the young man was very happy to return east to Washington County after that experience—and it is reported he never again wanted to visit his uncle and his Indian Squaw aunt.

735. ALICE AMES (625) was born in 1863 to Erastus and Rebecca, their only child. She married Charles G. Rohrer (born in 1856). Although Alice died in 1919, her husband lived until 1945. Their children were:

836. BERT ROHRER (735) was born in 1880.

837. OTTO ROHRER (735) was born in 1883, dying in 1942.

838. ESTELLA ROHRER (735) was born in 1885 and married a man by the name of Dague.

839. EDITH ROHRER (735) was born in 1887 and died in 1903.

840. IDA ROHRER (735) was born in 1890 and married a man by the name of Miles.

841. NANN ROHRER (735) was born in 1897 and married a man by the name of Hartley.

842. MILDRED ROHRER (735) was born in 1901 and married a man by the name of Smith.

736. ANNA MARY AMES (625) was born November 12, 1886, the first child of Erastus and Livinia. She lived only six years, dying September 27, 1870.

737. HIRAM B. AMES (625) was born August 9, 1868 and died June 30, 1869, not yet one year of age.

738. JOHN E. AMES (625) was born April 8, 1872 and died September 12, 1894 at the age of 22.

739. CHARLES H. AMES (625) was born June 17, 1874. He married Emma Dean in 1888 and in 1890 they moved to Belmont County, Ohio, where they have raised a large family in the Bethesda, Belmont, Barnesville area. He has been a capable bricklayer most of his life, having first worked at the marbling trade for 10 years. He was still doing small jobs at the age of 82 when the writer interviewed him in 1955 at Bethesda, Ohio. He insists he can still lay as many bricks a day every day as the average union man of this generation. Children of the family include:

843. HARRY AMES (739) was born May 16, 1898 and married Corinne Stevens. They lived in Bethesda, Ohio, until April 9, 1944, when Harry died. One child was born.

921. JUANITA AMES (843) was born in 1917 and married Dr. Thompson of Atlanta, Ga. One child was born.

922. FREDERICKA NANN THOMPSON (921) lives in Atlanta, Ga.

844. RAYMOND AMES (739) was born September 8, 1900 and married Ethel Cameron. They live in Barnesville, Ohio, where they have the following children:

923. WILLIAM AMES (844) was born August 13, 1923, and was with the military forces in Germany in 1955.

924. RICHARD AMES (923) was born January 2, 1927 and is with the military forces in England.

925. ROBERT AMES (923) was born January 2, 1927, a twin of Richard.

845. MILDRED AMES (739) was born February 18, 1903 and married Charles Carpenter September 3, 1923. Charles died recently. They live in Bethesda, Ohio, and have had the following family:

926. ELEANOR CARPENTER (845) was born September 3, 1924 and married Lester Andrews October 18, 1947. Two children have been born:

927. MILDRED L. ANDREWS (926) was born January 21, 1948.

928. JUDITH A. ANDREWS (926) was born June 8, 1953.

929. DORIS JEAN CARPENTER (845) was born December 13, 1926 and on April 1, 1947 married Charles Brock. One child has been born.

930. ROBERT ISAAC BROCK (929) was born May 14, 1948.

931. WANDA MAE CARPENTER (845) was born October 4, 1928 and married Howard Stoner on April 4, 1952. One child has been born.

932. BETTY LORENA STONER (931) was born May 4, 1954.

933. LOELLEN NEAL CARPENTER (845) was born December 29, 1931. He was single in 1955 and with the air force in Germany.

934. MARJORIE ANN CARPENTER (845) was born March 27, 1938 and is now in high school, planning to graduate this year (1956).

935. JAMES MARLIN CARPENTER (845) was born May 25, 1939.

936. CHARLES HOYT CARPENTER (845) was born July 16, 1945.

937. CAROLYN JANE CARPENTER (845) was born April 22, 1948. She is just starting to school as this book is printed.

846. WILLARD AMES (739) was born April 21, 1905. He married Helen Thomas, and they moved to Martins Ferry, Ohio. One infant child was born and died almost at once.

847. MABEL AMES. (739) was born December 27, 1907 and married Wesley Kendall. They have moved to the state of California. Children include:

938. NORMAN AMES (847)

939. RICHARD AMES (847)

940. THOMAS AMES (847)

941. ARTHUR AMES (847)

848. MADELINE AMES (739) was born March 10, 1912. She married Herman Gordon and no children have been born.

849. DARREL AMES (739) was born October 14, 1914. His wife's name is Janet Palmateer. They live in Columbus, Ohio, where two daughters have been born.

942. SUSAN AMES (849) is child of Darrel and Janet.

943. JILL ANN AMES (849) is child of Darrel and Janet.

850. LAURA DELL AMES (739) was born May 23, 1919. She married Paul Hubbard, and two children have been born. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

944. MARY LOUISE HUBBARD (850) was born in 1950.

945. DOUGLAS HUBBARD (850) was born in 1952.

740. Homer Hanson Ames (739) was born April 15, 1887 and died just after his first birthday, April 26, 1888.

626. DEMAS AMES was born October 17, 1840. His wife's name (born April 12, 1841) was Lydia. He saw active service with the Union Army in the War Between the States, and followed the

TABLE XIV

DEMAS AMES
October 17, 1840

Married

LYDIA (?)
April 12, 1841

Arabella "Bell" Ames ——— (Conkle)	Ethel Conkle (Smith) Homer Conkle Mary Conkle Bertha Conkle Walter Conkle Ocie Conkle (Johns) Florence Conkle (Brown) Leslie Conkle Della Conkle Edith Conkle Zelma Conkle (Miles)
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Joshua A. Ames—11-30-1862

Elizabeth Ames (Grable) -- 10-3-1865	Odessa Grable 6-29-1889 Margaret Grable (Fowler) 9-21-1890 Ada M. Grable 3-23-1893 Mary E. Grable (Conkle) 4-13-1901
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Emmor Ames 5-15-1867—	Elsa Ames (Workman) 2-20-1891 Infant boy 1893 Ruth M. Ames 9-10-1895 Cora Ames (Moore) 6-27-1897 Sophie Ames (Montgomery) 7-7-1899 Charlene M. Ames 5-29-1901 Paul S. Ames 10-9-1904 Emmor M. Ames 7-26-1908
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Mary Ann Ames (Yoders)

Demas Ames Died 2-18-1897

ooccupation of blacksmith until failing health compelled him to abandon such strenuous work. His father having died in 1884, Demas included his mother in his family and she was recorded in a County History as being a grand, dignified lady who presided elegantly in spite of her advanced years. That was in 1890. Lydia died March 15, 1895, and Demas followed her on February 18, 1897. Their children:

741. AREBELLA "Bell" AMES (626) married Jonathan Conkle. Detailed information on this family has been difficult to obtain. However, the following children are known to have been born:

- 851. ETHEL CONKLE (SMITH).
- 852. HOMER CONKLE.
- 853. MARY CONKLE.
- 854. BERTHA CONKLE.
- 855. WALTER CONKLE.
- 856. OCIE CONKLE (JOHNS).
- 857. FLORENCE CONKLE (BROWN).
- 858. LESLIE CONKLE.
- 859. DELLA CONKLE.
- 860. EDITH CONKLE.
- 861. ZELMA CONKLE (MILES).

742. JOSHUA A. AMES (626) was born November 30, 1862 and died February 16, 1866 at the age of 23.

743. ELIZABETH AMES (626) was born October 3, 1865. She married Isaiah Grable and the following children were born.

862. ODESSA GRABLE (743) was born June 29, 1899.

863. MARGARET GRABLE (743) was born September 21, 1890. She married a man by the name of Fowler.

864. ADA M. GRABLE (743) was born March 23, 1893 and died August 13, 1904.

865. MARY E. GRABLE (743) was born April 13, 1901. She married a man by the name of Conkle.

744. EMMOR AMES (626) was born May 15, 1867 and married Louise Gunlach, born June 19, 1870. Emmor died August 29, 1925, while his wife lived until December 31, 1945. Their children were:

866. ELSA AMES (744) was born February 20, 1891 and married a man by the name of Workman.

TABLE XV

JOHN MARTIN AMES 5-1-1844	KATHRYN KNESTRICK Married 1840
Ida Ames (White) ————— 11-7-1867	John White Louis White
Keteurah Ames (Miller) — 3-5-1869	William Miller 1887 Clarence Miller 1889 Dempsey Miller Inza Miller (Schwartz) 1894 Katherine Miller 1898 Drexel Miller 1901
William H. Ames ————— 9-25-1870	Clyde Eugene Ames 3-7-1897 Byron Bernard Ames 8-2-1898 Donald Norwood Ames 7-21-1904 Guy Patterson Ames 7-17-1906 Willa Viola Ames 12-9-1909
Orpha Jane Ames ————— (Lucas) 7-2-1872	Adopted by Abel C. Yoders after death of father.
John Martin Ames Died January 28, 1873	

867. An unnamed infant boy was born in 1893 and died soon thereafter.

868. RUTH M. AMES (744) was born September 10, 1895.

869. CORA AMES (744) was born June 27, 1897. She married a man by the name of Moore and died November 9, 1946.

870. SOPHIE AMES (744) was born July 7, 1899. She married a man by the name of Montgomery.

871. CHARLENE M. AMES (744) was born October 9, 1904. She is a traveling practical nurse, specializing in infant and maternity care, and is likely to be found anywhere between Maine and California—wherever busy mothers need someone to give their infants the right start in life. Charlene, herself, has never married.

872. PAUL S. AMES (744) was born October 9, 1904.

873. EMMOR M. AMES (744) was born July 26, 1908.

745. MARY ANN AMES (626) married Samuel Yoders. No other information has been collected in 1956.

627. JOHN MARTIN AMES (620) was born May 1, 1884. He married Kathryn Knestricks, who

was four years his senior. Martin died January 28, 1873, and the widow survived, living until 1918. Four children were born:

746. IDA AMES (627) was born November 7, 1867. She married John White and the following children were born before her death October 31, 1917:

874. JOHN WHITE.

875. LOUIS WHITE.

747. KETEURAH AMES (627) was born March 5, 1869. She married Elmer Miller and the following children were born. Keturah died April 1, 1943.

876. WILLIAM MILLER (747) was born in 1887 and died April 19, 1924.

877. CLARENCE MILLER (747) was born in 1889 and died January 1, 1953.

878. DEMPSEY MILLER (747).

879. INZA MILLER (747) was born in 1894 and married a man by the name of Swartz. She died in 1951.

880. KATHERINE MILLER (747) was born in 1898 and died in 1951.

881. DREXEL MILLER (747) was born in 1901 and died in 1948.

748. WILLIAM H. AMES (627) was born September 25, 1870 and married Anna McColleston (born October 5, 1876). Five children were born before William died September 16, 1952.

882. CLYDE EUGENE AMES (748) was born March 7, 1897.

883. BYRON BERNARD AMES (748) was born August 2, 1898 and died September 25, 1911.

884. DONALD NORWOOD AMES (748) was born July 21, 1904.

885. GUY PATTERSON AMES (748) was born July 17, 1906.

886. WILLA VIOLA AMES (748) was born December 9, 1909 and died August 12, 1910.

749. ORPHA JANE AMES (627) was born July 2, 1872. Her father died when she was about six months old; she was adopted by Abel C. Yoders and included in his family at the census enumeration of 1880. She married a man by the name of Lucas, but no information is available other than a report there were no children.

628. JOSHUA AMES (620) died while very young. His birthdate is not known.

629. CELIA AMES (620) also died while a child. Birthdate unknown.

630. SAMUEL AMES (620) was another infant death, with birthdate unknown.

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Baseballs and Bats for Playthings

One of the most remarkable of all the Ames families that has come to the attention of the writer, in the time he has spent assembling material for this book, is that of John I. Ames and his wife, Julia Newkirk Ames.

It is remarkable for its size, as the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren here enumerated will prove. There were 84 of them in 1954.

It is remarkable because both the father and mother have lived far beyond the allotted three score years and ten.

It is remarkable because of the wonderful unity that has held all the children together for half a century.

It is remarkable because the golden wedding anniversary, looked forward to by so many married couples has long been a thing of the distant past to them. It was on December 24, 1945 that they enjoyed that wonderful occasion. As this is being printed the amazing couple is receiving congratulations on the 60th wedding anniversary, celebrated Christmas Eve 1955.

What a Christmas present they gave each other sixty years ago!

It is remarkable because there are exactly nine boys in the family (count them). Of the twelve children, eleven have grown to maturity—only Freda and Mildred were girls among them.

Just think, if these two had been boys, the family might have presented a football team to the world instead of the baseball team that did appear.

That's right! The Ames Brothers baseball team won the county championship for several years consecutively. The father, though well along in years, was a capable member of the group. However, the blindness of one son and the heavy demands placed on the father in competition with younger men, later caused the team to include a couple of men who didn't bear the Ames name. (What a shame!)

In those days you could look on a baseball diamond and repeat with meaning the words which make up the title of this book—AMES IS THE NAME.

The particular capacities of the different members of the team will be included in the writeups for each one as they are given on the pages which follow.

733. JOHN IRA AMES (630) was born May 2, 1873. On December 24, 1895 he married Julia Newkirk (born February 18, 1877). For many years he had a blacksmith shop at the crossroads in Clover Hill, following that trade along with the ownership and care of a sizable farm. Most of the Ames residences on Clover Hill are erected on land which at one time belong to this couple. As this copy is being written, John and Julia are living right in the center of AMESVILLE, U.S.A. completely surrounded by the homes of their own



John Ira Ames and his nine sons—Baseball Champs



Three trophies won—left to right, 1941, 1940, 1939
See page 111 and those following it

children. Of the twelve born to them, eleven have grown to maturity, nine of them boys.*

824. JOHN OSCAR AMES (733) was born February 18, 1897, on his mother's twentieth birthday. He was manager of the championship Ames Brothers baseball team, and on June 1, 1953 was awarded a thirty year service pin for his work as dispatcher with the West Penn Company at Charleroi. With his large family, Oscar has maintained a large portion of the farm originally belonging to his father, but he has not permitted that responsibility to interfere with his regular employment. For years it has been a common sight to see tractors with headlights working on the hillsides of the Ames farm up to the hour of midnight during the busy farming season.

946. EDITH AMES (824) was born January 13, 1919. She married Grant Morton (born November 10, 1919), who is a service man with the West Penn Company. They have had three children.

947. VIRGINIA FAYE MORTON (946) was born December 15, 1941.

948. CHARLES GRANT MORTON (946) was born February 4, 1946.

949. CLARK EDWARD MORTON (946) was born August 20, 1950.

950. EVELYN AMES (824) was born February 2, 1921. She married Robert Bradshaw (born April 5, 1924) who is a pipe fitter and contractor. They have had two children.

951. LINDA ARLENE BRADSHAW (950) was born February 15, 1947.

952. LORETTA ALLENE BRADSHAW (950) was born October 18, 1950.

953. JOHN EMERY AMES (824) was born December 26, 1922. He married Florence LaRose (born January 31,

* John Ira Ames was born on the 65th birthday of his grandmother, Mary Thompson Ames, as reference to No. 620, John Ames, will reveal.

1930) and they have had one child. John Emery is employed as a lineman with the West Penn Power Company at Charleroi and drives back and forth daily to his home in Fallowfield Township (near Clover Hill).

954. DENNIS NELSON AMES (953) was born March 3, 1949.

955. OSCAR EDWIN AMES (824) was born July 21, 1924. He married Florence Lock (born September 8, 1927) and two children have been born. Oscar Edwin is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the Shire Oaks yards.

956. CAROL ANN AMES (955) was born May 22, '47

957. HILDA ELLEN AMES (955) was born October 30, 1951.

958. PHILIP EUGENE AMES (824) was born May 16, 1927. He married Donna Thomas (born June 22, 1932, and one child has been born. Philip Eugene is a service man with the West Penn Power Company, at the Brownsville station. The family lives near Scenery Hill.

959. PHILIP EUGENE AMES, JR. (958) was born August 5, 1952.

960. EMMA LOU AMES (824) was born February 3, 1929. She married James Kistler (born April 30, 1930), who is a lineman with the West Penn Power Co. They have two children.

970. DIANA LYNN KISTLER (960) was born April 17, 1949.

971. JAMES HAMILTON KISTLER, JR. (960) was born March 26, 1952.

972. FRANCIS ELDON AMES (824) was born May 29, 1931. He was getting out of the army in 1955, after a two year period of service in Alaska. He had not been married in the spring of 1955.

973. LLOYD EMERSON AMES (824) was born August 16, 1937. He is at home and a student in high school.

974. ETTA LETITIA AMES (824) was born January 14, 1942, and lives at home, a junior high school student as this is written.

825. WILLIAM DONALD AMES (733) was born November 2, 1898. He married Martha Gol-

pin, and two children have been born. "Don" was stricken with Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever simultaneously while a young man, and came out of it alive, but completely blind. He was educated at the Pittsburgh School for the Blind, and trained as a piano tuner. He developed a natural music ability to the point where he played the piano for an orchestra in the Washington, Pa., vicinity. However, when he was appointed Executive Director of the Washington County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, he dropped the orchestra work. With the wonderful cooperation of his very active and capable wife, Martha, he made the Washington County Center a model project. Donald died suddenly of a heart attack on Monday, March 19, 1956—the very day this signature was to be printed. Burial was on Thursday, March 22, and interment at Beallsville Cemetery.

975. BETTY MAE AMES (825) was born November 12, 1930. She is a trained beautician, and is married to James Donovan Conkle (born June 26, 1930)—a service station attendant. One child has been born.

976. JAMES DONAVAN CONKLE (975) was born October 19, 1952.

977. DONALD LEE AMES (825) was born November 11, 1937. He lives at home and was graduating from high school in the spring of 1955.

826. FREDA R. AMES (733) was born September 29, 1900. She married James E. Leyda, a carpenter and contractor, and they have made their home in Charleroi. She is one of two surviving daughters, and a public school teacher. These children are included in their family.

978. ELMER LEROY LEYDA (826) was born April 2, 1922. He married Etta Miller (born August 7, 1924)

and three children have been born. Elmer is a millworker at Glassport, Pa.

979. SANDRA LEE LEYDA (978) was born April 4, 1944.

980. BARBARA LOU LEYDA (978) was born November 29, 1945.

981. SHIRLEY LORRAINE LEYDA (978) was born February 7, 1952.

982. JAMES LLEWELLYN LEYDA (826) was born July 8, 1923. He married Clara Hackney (born in April of 1926) and is a technician and welder in Cleveland, Ohio. One child has been born.

983. JAMES LLEWELLYN LEYDA, JR. (982) was born June 8, 1949.

984. RANDALL LLOYD LEYDA (826) was born April 13, 1925. He married Martha Lewis and one child was born. Randall is a truck driver.

985. LINDA JEAN LEYDA (984) was born April 27, 1947.

986. DONALD LEMOYNE LEYDA (826) was born January 18, 1927. He married Lillian Bowman (born October 30, 1932.) One child has been born. Donald is employed at the Fisher Body plant in Coal Valley, Pa.

987. DONNA KAY LEYDA (986) was born September 22, 1948.

988. NORMA LORRAINE LEYDA (826) was born January 18, 1929. She married Robert Homme, an employee of the Fisher Body plant in Coal Valley. Robert was born February 14, 1926.

989. AUDREY LELAND LEYDA (826) was born June 23, 1936. He has been inducted into the service and was scheduled to go to Germany in the spring of 1955. He married Angeline Ann Bett (born March 9, 1938).

827. SHELDON LEROY AMES (733) was born February 11, 1903. He was centerfielder on the Championship Ames Baseball Team, for many years carried mail in the Beallsville area, and lives there now. He married Margaret Doyle and these children have been born.

990. LETHA WANEDA AMES (827) was born June 14, 1925. She married George Nyswaner, who is employed

at a Jet factory in Columbus, Ohio. Two children have been born.

991. LINDA DARLENE NYSWANER (990) was born June 2, 1947.

922. DOTTIE LOU NYSWANER (990) was born November 30, 1949.

993. EDWARD LEROY AMES (827) was born on November 14, 1926. He married Catherine Van Vhoris (born March 8, 1923) and two children have been born.

994. BONNIE MAXINE AMES (993) was born November 23, 1949.

995. DEBRA JEAN AMES (993) was born July 4, 1954.

996. CONRAD LEMOYNE AMES (827) was born January 18, 1932 and is with the parents in Beallsville.

997. RONALD LeVAUGHN AMES (827) was born January 7, 1935, and lives at home.

828. KENNETH MARSHALL AMES (733) was born September 20, 1904. He was third baseman on the Ames Brothers team, and has completed over 30 years of railroading as a dispatcher in the yards of the Pennsylvania and Erie near Pittsburgh. He has married twice, first to Mary Josephine Johns, the following children being by that marriage. His second wife, Edith Olson, lives with him at the home in East McKeesport, Pa. Kenneth, in addition to baseball and railroading, is a golf pro with two holes in one to his credit—one in 1950 and one in 1954. An injury on the railroad in 1950 temporarily retired him, and gave him time to develop another hobby—that of woodworking. He has dozens of decorative and utilitarian features at his home which he has worked out himself.

998. ROBERT JOHN AMES (828) was born October 5, 1924. He is employed by the Pennsylvania Rail-

road near Pittsburgh. Married to Jane Ebken (born July 4, 1923) he has three children.

999. ROBERT RILEY AMES (998)

1000. JANE LOUISE AMES (998) was born July 16, 1950.

1001. BARRY JAY AMES (998) was born September 7, 1953.

1002. JAMES MARSHALL AMES (828) was born April 18, 1926. Employed at the Fairchild Aircraft Corp. in Hagerstown, Md., he is married to Barbara Behr (born January 31, 1931). Three children have been born.

1003. LINDA M. AMES (1002) was born May 24, '47.

1004. JAMES PAUL AMES (1002) was born September 14, 1948.

1005. DIANE MARSHA AMES (1002) was born September 29, 1954.

1006. ANNETTE ARLENE AMES (828) was born June 1, 1929. She is married to Clifford M. Beirne (born December 8, 1927)—a millworker in McKeesport, Pa. Three children have been born.

1007. MARY JO BEIRNE (1006) was born November 4, 1945.

1008. ARLENE MARIE BEIRNE (1006) was born December 30, 1949.

1009. CLIFFORD M. BEIRN, JR. (1006) was born June 16, 1953.

1010. KENNETH LEE AMES (828) was born March 19, 1931. He married Mary Lou Nefflin (born October 4, 1933) and one child has been born. He is a retail salesman for the Embassy Dairy. They live in Washington, D. C.

1010. SHARON LEA AMES (1010) was born March 23, 1955.

1012. BRADLEY CRAWFORD AMES (828) was born March 31, 1932. He was unmarried at the time this was written, but is employed at The Fairchild Corp. in Hagerstown, and lives in Waynesboro, Pa.

829. WILDA M. AMES (733) was born April 28, 1907. She was the only child of John and Julia who did not survive to maturity—dying before her first birthday, February 29, 1908.

830. MILDRED E. AMES (733) was born December 15, 1908. She has been twice married. At the present time she and her second husband, Robert P. Farrell, live in East McKeesport, Pa. where he has served as foreman in the U. S. Steel plant at Duquesne. He also has owned a service station near the home for some time. He was in poor health for some months during the winter of 1955-56 and was working very little. Mildred herself is a practical nurse, working at that profession until very recently. She has been the writer's principal assistant on the assembly of material for this second section of the book, and his guide when on tours of exploration in Washington County.

831. OAKLEY RUDYER AMES (733) was born January 20, 1911. He has been twice married, and is now living with the second wife, Helen Katic, at Clover Hill. Four children have been born. Oakley was a former pitching star with the Greensburg, Pa. baseball team, and has some fine performances with the Ames Brothers team to his credit as well, for he was the pitching sensation of that group when at the height of achievement. He is a millworker at Glassport, Pa.

1013. WILLIAM OAKLEY AMES (831) was born March 9, 1935, only child of Oakley by the first wife.

1014. OAKLEY LEE AMES (831) was born August 24, 1940, to Oakley and Helen.

1015. GARY WILLIAM AMES (831) was born July 30, 1942.

1016. SHELDON ADRIAN AMES (831) was born February 3, 1952.

832. BERNARD NEWIRK AMES (733) was born May 4, 1913. He married Beatrice Beveridge and there have been two children born. Bernard is a stone mason and contractor, now living at St. Michaels, Md. He was the first baseman on the championship Ames Brothers nine.

1017. BERNARD ELLIOTT AMES (832) was born May 1, 1936.

1018. JANICE EILEEN AMES (832) was born June 30, 1944.

833. AUDREY ALFRED AMES (733) was born March 27, 1916. He married Mae McKnight, and four children have been born. He is a coal mine electrician at Grindstone, Fayette County, Pa., near Brownsville. Audrey was shortstop on the famous Ames Brothers baseball team.

1019. MILDRED MAE AMES (833) was born December 17, 1937.

1020. TREVOR BARTON AMES (833) was born November 5, 1940.

1021. BONITA KAY AMES (833) was born August 3, 1943.

1022. JUDITH RAE AMES (833) was born January 18, 1945.

834. QUENTON DUANE AMES (733) was born September 9, 1918. He married Dorothy Hackney and four children have been born. For ten years he has been in engineering work for the Peoples Natural Gas Company, at Ruffsedale, Westmoreland County, Pa. Duane was the second baseman when Ames Brothers beat them all at baseball in county play.

1023. NANCY DARLENE AMES (834) was born September 5, 1942.

1024. JOHN IRA AMES (834) was born May 19, 1944. It is his responsibility to carry the grandfather's name—a real assignment, as this chapter reveals.

1025. DUANE GILFORD AMES. (834) was born February 12, 1947.

1026. PATRICIA COLLEEN AMES (834) was born October 12, 1951.

835. ADRIAN DALE AMES (733) was born September 9, 1920. He married Ruth Nyswaner and two children have been born. Adrian is employed as a millworker at Glassport, Pa., and lives at Clover Hill. He was left fielder on the great ball team.

1027. DWANA DALE AMES (835) was born May 24, 1943.

1028. DARLA JO AMES (835) was born May 6, 1946.

It will be of particular interest to compare (or contrast) this family of Clover Hill nativity with the Ohio descendants of Nehemiah Ames. As noted in the last chapter of Part I, the Nehemiah family has been so overbalanced with females that it threatens to die out as far as the name Ames is concerned. The entire Pennsylvania clan has been almost the complete reverse—and of them all, the John Ira Ames lineage is most masculine in its trend.

With nine sons out of twelve children, John Ira set the pattern, which his descendants have carried on quite manfully. Oscar has five boys against three girls, Donald has one of each, Sheldon has three boys to one girl, Kenneth has four boys and one girl, Oakley has four boys and no girls, Bernard has one each, Audrey shows only

one boy to three girls, Quenton Duane has one boy to three girls, and Adrian has no boys but two girls.

This totals up to 20 boys and 13 girls. That means that although only 20 boys exist to carry on Nehemiah's name at this time—ONE OF HIS BROTHER JOHN'S SONS has 20 grandchildren, the equal of all Nehemiah's male lineage in the same generation.

XI

Another Remarkable Ames Family

Time is of the essence in the preparation of genealogical copy. The day before the first 112 pages of this book went to press, all that was known of the family which constitutes this chapter was the brief mention at the top of page 99. Two days later, letters arrived from Mrs. Edna Ames Stein of New Alexandria, and Rebecca Ames of Bentleyville, Pa., including all the information which follows.

The indebtedness of the writer to them for the assembly of this data is apparent. Only slight changes are being made in the manuscripts as prepared—those which appear are made necessary by the number system already established and the need to use certain paragraph forms which seemed to be more appropriate to this type of book.

730. ARTH AMER AMES, JR. (623) was born March 11, 1867 at Garwood, Washington County. He was a veterinarian surgeon, and he traveled in several counties of Pennsylvania, doctoring animals as his life career. He went to Saltsburg, Indiana County, Pa., while in his twenties and resided for 40 years thereafter in that vicinity. He contracted pneumonia and passed away May 6, 1928 in Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County. Interment was at Beallsville, Pa.

July 24, 1895 he was married to Elizabeth Jane Crissman of Tunnelton, Pa. (born June 14, 1876 at Jacksonville, Pa., also in Indiana Coun-

ty.) Rev. D. W. Miller, pastor of the Presbyterian church, presided at the ceremony.

809. WILLIAM BRUCETON AMES (730) was born November 24, 1895 at Saltsburg, Westmoreland County, Pa. and attended school at Loyalhanna Township and in Saltsburg Public and Elders Ridge Vocational School in Indiana County. He served in World War 1 from July 19, 1917 until July 29, 1919 with Company M. Ambulance Corps, Fifth Division. He was a mechanic by trade and has resided for 45 years in Washington County. He was married at Cumberland, Md., December 24, 1926 to Gladys Crumrine of Bentleyville, Pa. (born August 15, 1904 at Bentleyville). She attended Bentleyville schools and graduated from high school there; also graduated from California Normal College and has other degrees from West Virginia College at Morgantown and Pitt University in Pittsburgh. She now teaches at the Roscoe Schools in Washington County. There are no children in the family.

810. EDNA MAY AMES (730) was born in Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County, attending school in that township, at Saltsburg and the Elders Ridge Vocational School. On April 30, 1919 she married Boyd Aubrey Stein (born February 24, 1894) with Rev. A. H. Gettman of Dormont, Pa., presiding in the Tunnelton, Pa., Presbyterian Church. For 35 years Boyd owned and farmed 118 acres in the township. He was taken ill in December of 1954, and died February 14, 1955, after

having been admitted to Oakland Veterans Hospital. He had served two years in World War I with Company E, 320th Infantry, 80th Division. Interment is in Englewood cemetery in Saltsburg, Pa. Edna May Ames Stein lives on the farm where she went to housekeeping 36 years ago.

While the previous signature of 16 pages was being folded, a letter from Mrs. Stein, including most of the material which is found in this chapter, arrived in the writer's mail. A week later, a letter from Mrs. Susan Rebecca Ames, wife of No. 811, page 129, arrived with the only missing information to make Chapter 11 a reality.

1029. ROBERT STANLEY STEIN (810) was born August 24, 1920 in Loyalhanna Township and attended schools there and in Saltsburg. He served two years in World War II with the Third Army and has worked on the Pennsylvania Railroad for 14 years—a conductor out of Kiski Junction. He resides in Apollo, Pa. October 2, 1941 he married Martha Ruth Tressler of Avonmore, (born May 7, 1921) at Wellsburg, W. Va., in the Presbyterian Manse. She attended school in Avonmore and Elders Ridge.

1030. STANLEY LEE STEIN (1029) was born October 6, 1942 in Latrobe Hospital, Latrobe, Pa.

1031. KENNETH BOYD STEIN (1029) was born July 9, 1947 in Allegheny Valley Hospital, Tarentum, Pa.

1032. BOYD McKAY STEIN (810) was born July 14, 1923 in Loyalhanna Township and passed away on February 28, 1924. Interment is in Edgewood Cemetery, Saltsburg, Pa.

1033. ELIZABETH MAY STEIN (810) was born December 3, 1924, in the same township, and died of Pneumonia January 9, 1925 with interment at Edgewood Cemetery.

1034. LOIS IRENE STEIN (810) was born February 22, 1926, also in Loyalhanna Township. She attended

TABLE XVI

TWO REMARKABLE AMES FAMILIES

JOHN IRA AMES married JULIA NEWKIRK December 24, 1895	Mildred Mae Ames Trevor Barton Ames Bonita Kay Ames Judith Rae Ames
JOHN OSCAR AMES—2-18-1897	QUENTON DUANE AMES—9-9-1918
WILLIAM DONALD AMES—11-2-1898	ADRIAN DALE AMES—9-9-1920
FREDA AMES (LEYDA)—9-29-1900	ARTH AMER AMES married ELIZABETH CRISSMAN July 24, 1895
SHELDON LEROY AMES—2-11-1903	WILLIAM BRUCETON AMES—11-24-1895
KENNETH MARSHALL AMES—9-20-1904	EDNA MAY AMES (STEIN)—5-26-1897
WILDA M. AMES—4-28-1907	ARTH AMER AMES 4-1-1899
MILDRED E. AMES (FARRELL)—12-15-1908	LORETTA AMES (PEACE)—2-19-1901
OAKLEY RUDYAR AMES—1-20-1911	FLORENCE AMES (MOORE)—12-26-1903
BERNARD NEWKIRK - AMES—5-4-1913	
	Robert Stanley Stein Boyd McKay Stein Elizabeth M. Stein Lois I. Stein (Savicki) James Johnson Stein Gladys Stein (Gottschalek) Grace L. Stein (Mack) Harold Eugene Stein Lysle Richard Stein Susan Ames (Travis) James Arthamer Ames Harrold Grant Ames Theodore Lullen Ames Nancy Bernita Ames Barbara Lou Ames David Elroy Ames Mary Lynda Ames Lois Iola Peace (Easton) James Arthur Peace Dorothy E. Peace (Kranz) Lorraine Peace (Phillips) Margaret Jane Moore Robert Paul Moore
	Edith Ames (Morton) Evelyn Ames (Bradshaw) John Emery Ames Oscar Edwin Ames Philip Eugene Ames Emma L. Ames (Kistler) Francis Eldon Ames Lloyd Emerson Ames Etta Letitia Ames Betty Mae Ames (Conkle) Donald Lee Ames Elmer Leroy Leyda James Llewellyn Leyda Donald LeMoyné Leyda Norma Leyda (Homme) Audrey Leland Leyda Letha Ames (Nyswaner) Edward LeRoy Ames Conrad LeMoyné Ames Ronald LeVaughn Ames Robert John Ames James Marshall Ames Annette Ames (Beirne) Kenneth Lee Ames William Oakley Ames Oakley Lee Ames Gary William Ames Sheldon Adrian Ames Bernard Elliott Ames Janice Eileen Ames

school at Myers No. 2, and at Saltsburg High, where she graduated in 1944. She worked for the F. B. I. in Washington, D. C., for eight years, and was married on October 5, 1951 in Rockville, Md., in the Presbyterian Manse to T-Sgt. Carl E. Savicki of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va. (son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Savicki of Wyandotte, Mich.) He has served in the armed services for 14 years, here and abroad. They are now stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas.

1035. GARY MICHAEL SAVICKI (1034) was born October 17, 1952 in Cherry Point, N. C., Naval Hospital.

1036. DAVID WAYNE SAVICKI (1034) was born January 4, 1954 in Quantico, Va., Naval Hospital.

1037. JAMES JOHNSON STEIN (810) was born November 4, 1928 in Magee Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended Myers No. 2 and Saltsburg schools, graduating from Saltsburg High in 1946. He has worked at heavy construction in Indiana and Westmoreland Counties and in Steubenville, Ohio. He was married October 10, 1949, in the Presbyterian Manse at Hagerstown, Md., to Helen Smith of Blairsville, Pa., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Smith. They first lived in a trailer at Steubenville, Ohio, then moved back to New Alexandria, Pa., where their few happy months of marriage ended. James was drowned two days after the move in a pond at Rushwood Park on August 8, 1950. Interment is at Edgewood cemetery.

1039. GLADYS LOU STEIN (810) was born September 7, 1931 in Loyalhanna Township. She attended Myers No. 2 School and Saltsburg High where she graduated in 1949. She went to Washington, D. C., where she worked at different employment. She was married April 11, 1950 by Rev. Elson in the National Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C., to S-Sgt. Cleo Neil Gottschalck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berdice Gerald of Covington, La. He has served with the Marine Corps and expects to make a career of it. They are stationed at Camp LeJune, North Carolina.

1040. CLEO NEIL GOTTSCHALCK (1039) was born January 2, 1951 in Covington, La., General Hospital.

1041. LINDA SUSAN GOTTSCHALCK (1039) was born June 25, 1953 at Wilkes Barre, Pa., Hospital.

1042. GRACE LUCILLE STEIN (810) was born April 27, 1933 in Loyalhanna Township. She attended Myers No. 2 and graduated from Saltsburg High in 1951. She went to Washington, D. C., and was with the F. B. I. for one year. Later she moved to North Carolina for a year and worked at different employment, coming back to Pennsylvania and getting employment with the Union Switch and Signal Co. of Swissvale, Pa., doing office work. She was married April 16, 1955 to Walter Kay Mack of Blairsville, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Mack. He is an overhead crane operator for the United States Steel Company in Johnstown, Pa., and has served for four years in the U. S. Navy.

1043. HAROLD EUGENE STEIN (810) was born June 2, 1934 in Loyalhanna Township, attending Myers No. 2 and graduating from Saltsburg High in 1952. He received a State Senatorial Scholarship for four years, entering Pitt University for a Medical course in the fall of 1952. He intends to be a sugeon and has been employed for two and a half years at Shadyside Hospital during vacation and after school.

1044. A son was born August 4, 1935 to Edna and Boyd Stein but died on the same date with convulsions. Interment at Edgewood.

1045. LYSLE RICHARD STEIN (810) was born October 21, 1936 in Loyalhanna Township, attending Myers No. 2 and Saltsburg High where he graduated in 1955. He is employed with Sears Roebuck in Jacksonville, N. C. He was married August 2, 1955 in the Baptist Chapel in Jacksonville to Barbara Jean McCune of New Alexandria, Pa., daughter of Mrs. Frances McCune and the late Mr. James McCune. She was born November 20, 1936 in Derry Township, attending schools in that vicinity and graduating from Greensburg High in 1955. She is employed by The Rose Department Store in Jacksonville, N. C.

811. ARTH AMER AMES III (730) was born at Stewarts Flats, Saltsburg, Pa., Westmoreland Co., April 1, 1899. Parents were Arth Amer Ames Jr. and Elizabeth Jane Ames. He attended the public schools at Saltsburg; went to Centerville, Pa. in 1952 as an auto mechanic in the Ames Auto Garage. He was married to Miss Rebecca McKowen Aug. 28, 1928, at Cumberland, Md. by Rev. J. C. Price, of the M.E. Church. In 1929 he purchased the Burkholder Garage, but in 1931 lost all real estate due to the depression. In 1934 he was employed at the Yenke Garage as auto mechanic. On Jan. 28, 1947 he went to Hillman Coal & Coke Co., Ontario Mine, as mechanic in the mine where he is still employed as head mechanic. The Company is known as the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., now.

Susan Rebecca McKowen was born near New Alexandria, Pa. March 20, 1906. Parents were Albert Campbell McKowen and Elizabeth Henry McKowen. She attended the Salem Twp. Public Schools and graduated from the New Alexandria High School 3 yr. course in 1924. Graduated from Greensburg High School in 1925. Attended summer sessions at the Indiana State Teachers College the following summer, teaching at the public schools at Crabtree, Pa., Elrico, Salem Twp., and No. 7 in Derry Twp.

At an early age she joined the New Alexandria Presbyterian Church. Aug. 28, 1928, She was married to Arth Amer Ames and now lives in Bentleyville, 138 South Main Street. Mrs. Ames is

a member of the First M. E. Church, a charter member of the Womens Society of Christian Service, V.P. A member of the Elizabeth Class, and a member of the First M. E. Church, a charter Church. She takes part in the local P.T.A., having served 2 years as Vice President.

1046. SUSAN JANET ELIZABETH AMES (811) was born February 28, 1929 near Moffit Mine or Daisytown, Washington Co. She attended and graduated from Bentleyville High School in 1946, graduating from the South Side Hospital School of Nursing as R. N. In May 1950 she joined the United States Air Force, receiving rank as 2nd Lieut. and was stationed at Maxwell A. F. Base, June 25, 1951—assigned to Camp Kilmer, N. J. for overseas duty. Eighteen months were spent at Erding A. F. Base near Munich, Germany, While in Germany she traveled in the bordering countries quite extensively. One of the outstanding events she experienced was that of being in England as the new Queen Elizabeth addressed the opening of Parliament. In April 3, 1954 she was married to Martin W. Travis, whose home is in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has spent a number of years in the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Air Force with present rank S/Sgt. February 5, 1953 she had been assigned to Bolling A. F. Base, Wash., D. C. as Lieut. She was promoted to Captain in January 5, 1955. April 1, 1955 was given new assignment to Japan. She is now the school nurse at Yokota American School. Recently she was commended by Brig. Gen. O. K. Neiss, Far East Air Force surgeon, for the dependent School Health Program. The citation further states "Capt. Travis developed the health program at the school to such a degree that the 1362nd Photographic Flight is making a motion picture on Capt. Travis' work and organizing, which will be used as a briefing film during school nurse summer conference as well as for other purposes." Her tour of duty is for a 3 year period.

1047. JAMES ARTHAMER AMES (811) was born at Bentleyville, Pa. on November 17, 1930. He attended the

public school, and in 1946 secured a job with a local man. During 1952 he was employed by the Dept. of Highways as a maintenance helper. This position was terminated March 31, 1955.

1048. HARROLD GRANT AMES (811) was born in Bentleyville, Pa. June 28, 1933; he attended the public and high school. Graduated on May 27, 1951. Next day he entered the service in the U. S. Navy and was assigned to Bainbridge, Md., later to Camp Le Jeune, N. C. One year was spent on the ship General Hugh Gaffey as a Hospital Corps 3rd Class, making 13 trips from Seattle to Far East. Discharged June 1, 1954, he enrolled at Calif. State Teachers College, Calif., Pa. where he is majoring in Industrial Arts.

1049. THEODORE LULLEN AMES (811) was born at Bentleyville, April 27, 1936; he attended public school, graduating from high school in May 1954. He enlisted in the U. S. Marines Corps on November 16, 1954 for three years tour of duty and has been stationed at Parris Island, S. C., Cherry Point, N. C. and at present is at Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Edenton, N. C. as a pay clerk at the base.

1050. NANCY BERNITA AMES (811) was born at Bentleyville, Pa. on March 4, 1938; attended public school and graduated on May 23, 1956.

1051. BARBARA LOU AMES (811) was born on April 18, 1940. She is in High School.

1052. DAVID ELROY AMES (811) was born at Bentleyville, Pa. on December 12, 1942. He enrolled in the Junior High School.

1053. MARY LYNDA AMES (811) was born at Bentleyville, Pa. on July 18, 1945. (Was delivered at the Charleroi Monesson Hospital.) She is enrolled in the Bentleyville Public School.

812. LORETTA AMES, (730) was born Feb. 19, 1901 in Loyalhanna Twp. and attended school in Loyalhanna Twp. and at Saltsburg Public School.

She married, Feb. 19, 1925, James Charles Peace, born Mar. 15, 1901 in Yatesborough Pa. He attended Tarentum, Pa., school. His trade is operating Mine Motors.

1054. LOIS IOLA PEACE (812) was born December 3, 1926, in Cononaugh Twp. She attended Loyalhanna and Saltsburg schools, graduating in 1944 from Saltsburg High School, and married in Ambridge, Pa. January 29, 1949, William Edison Easton, born February 11, 1925. He resides in Neville Island, Pa. as a contracting carpenter.

1055. JACQUELINE CARLO EASTON (1054) was born February 7, 1951.

1065. JAMES ARTHUR PEACE, (812) was born June 18, 1928, in Loyalhanna Township and attended the school there and at Saltsburg High School, and is a Mine Motor operator. He married, Nov. 28, 1953, Helen Smith Stein of Blairsville, Pa. They reside in Warren, Ohio.

1057. MORENE PEACE (1056) a daughter, born on August 25, 1955 in Latrobe, Pa. Hospital.

1058. DOROTHY ELIZABETH PEACE, (812) was born April 14, 1934, in Loyalhanna Township. Attended Loyalhanna Township and Saltsburg High in Saltsburg, Pa. She married Gerald Lemone Kranz of Youngston, Pa. June 16, 1951, at Clarksburg, Pa. His occupation is Insurance Agent.

1059. LORRAINE MAUDE PEACE, (812) was born Dec. 14, 1935 in Loyalhanna Twp. Attended school in Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County and Saltsburg Schools of Indiana County. She married Robert Edward Phillips of Corapolis Pa. on Mar. 5, 1954.

1060. LINDA LEE PHILLIPS (1059) was born November 20, 1955 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

813. FLORENCE ROSETTA AMES (730) was employed with Minsky Bros. of Pittsburgh, Pa. and resides at Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh, 11, Pa. Married June 1, 1926 at Tunnelton, Pa. Paul Wm.

Moore of Saltsburg, Pa., born July 19, 1907 at Clarksburg, Pa. Occupation is a mechanic.

1061. MARGARET JANE MOORE, (813) was born March 27, 1927 in Connunaugh Twp., Indiana Co. Attended Loyalhanna and Connunaugh Twp., Schools and graduated from Saltsburg Hi in 1945. She has been employed with Papercraft Corporation in Pittsburgh, for the past 9 years. Resides at home with her mother.

1062. ROBERT PAUL MOORE (813) was born March 2, 1929 in Jacksonville, Pa., of Indiana Co. Attended McKeesport School. Graduated from High School in 1947 and is now in the U.S. Air Force for the past 4 years, presently in Germany. Married Maude Davis of Brownsville, Pa., born Jan. 8, 1927. Married in Pittsburgh on July 10, 1948.

1063. ROBERT PAUL MOORE, JR. (1062) was born December 18, 1848 in East Pittsburgh, Pa.

1063. JOEL PATRICK MOORE (1062) was born on February 6, 1925 in East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Also in the Saltsburg area were NEWTON S. AMES (born in 1850) and CHARLES H. AMES (born in 1861). They lived in Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County in 1880.

CHARLES H. AMES proved to be the one who died in 1884 (listed on page 97 as Nos. 717 and 721, son of Roseann).

NEWTON S. AMES turned out to be No. 720 and named Mayhart on page 97. He was married to Bella J. and had children:

Alexander (1874), Naguina (1876), and John (1879).

Still another family in the area is the ALMS lineage. Although no relationship is claimed—the spelling is identical with that used by some of the New York State AMESSES a hundred years before.

XII

Absalom, Dorsey, and Others

Among those who went farther West early in our nation's history, just as had been the case in Pennsylvania and Ohio, were members of the Ames family. Discovery of their existence was made while searching for information on one of the lesser known sons of JABEZ—George who was supposed to have gone to Iowa early in the nineteenth century. This chapter is the story of Absalom and Dorsey Ames—and of additional Ames information that came to the writer while preparing the copy for the Wisconsin and Iowa branches.

The information which follows hereafter came to light entirely by accident. While perusing through the records at the Library of Congress, the writer saw an old history of Crawford County, Wisconsin, which had been used by another researcher and the name of Dorsey P. Ames in the index started an investigation. From this came correspondence with Ames families in the Ferryville vicinity and at last a long letter from Mary P. Tenny, aged 87, and granddaughter of Absalom, revealing the relationship as presented in the following account.

It was through the Tenney letter, too, that the first naming of another Jabez' daughter was made—reference being made to ANN AMES who married a McAfee. The presence of a Sybil was also first pointed out in this communication, along with the first recognition of MARTIN AMES as being actually a member of the family—though circumstantial evidence already had made this conclusion almost positive. Her inclusion of Hannah DeGarmo and Nehemiah Ames also helped establish the full relationship between Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Wisconsin lineages.

Not a person in Northwestern Ohio or in the Washington County, Pa., lineage, knew anything about the Absalom and Dorsey families, nor did they have any information about ANN or SYBIL. The writer is suspicious that DORSEY (Doss) AMES may really be the GEORGE he has looked for over so long a period of time.

ABSALOM AMES, son of Jabez and Elizabeth Smith Ames was born August 14, 1797 (1796?). On February 11, 1816 he was married to Margaret Hautengshu (Hotengoho?), who was born June

15, 1796. Before 1820 they moved westward to Guernsey County, Ohio* (Oxford Township) and in 1829 they were in Morgan (Union Township). All the children were born in Ohio, except possibly the two oldest sons, who may claim their nativity in Pennsylvania. In 1859 most of the families moved to Crawford County, Wisconsin, near Ferryville, where permanent residence was maintained. Both parents lived well into their eighties, and they were recorded in the 1880 census (when they were 84). Absalom died June 29, 1880 and Margaret November 4, 1881.

Absalom was employed in the building of the National Pike (Now Route 40) and moved West as the highway was extended in that direction, always living near his work. His wife was of Prussian extraction, both her parents being born there. Fourteen children and 107 grandchildren came in this line.

Apparently Absalom stopped his westward trek with the national pike at the Morgan County address—for he was there in 1850 and in 1860 had made the permanent settlement in Wisconsin.

Twin sons, born to Absalom and Margaret, died unnamed in infancy, according to available records.

1. JABISH GILEAD AMES was born April 25, 1818, first child of Absalom and Margaret Ames. He married Elizabeth J. Martin (born in 1824) in April of 1841, and lived to be 81, dying October 26, 1899. Born in Ohio, he lived in Kansas, after a brief sojourn in Jackson County, Mo. in the 1870s, and is the only descendant of record to carry the 1830 spelling of his grandfather into another generation. Jabez DeGarmo used the 1800 way of

* Dorsey P. Ames, born in 1802, and Anna Ames McAfee, born in 1800 (brother and sister of Absalom) also moved first to Guernsey County before settling farther west. They were first to move west of the Ohio River.

spelling it. Actually, however, Jabez and Jabish have different etymological backgrounds, as reference to any Bible dictionary will reveal.

Four different names are thus assigned to one man by his own children and grandchildren. NEHEMIAH was the name given by John C. Ames of Defiance County, Ohio (see page 49); JABEZ by Demas Ames of Washington County, Pa. (see page 105); JOSHUA by Hannah Ames DeGarmo of West Virginia (see page 167) and now JABISH by his namesake as listed here. It is significant that photos of the pioneer's signature as recorded in a history of Bentleyville, Pa., look more like YABISH—which might be considered a fifth NAME for this one man.

Jabish moved from Johnson County to Anderson County in Kansas, after the death of Elizabeth, and lived with his son Absalom (b below).

a. HARRIET ANN AMES was born about 1842 and died in infancy.

b. JOSIAH ABSALOM AMES was the first son, born about 1844. He enlisted in Company D, of the 74th Ohio Volunteers Infantry, mustered at Xenia, Ohio, April 2, 1862, attaining the rank of corporal October 2, 1864. He was mustered out with the company in July of 1865. He settled near Colony, Indian Creek Twp., Anderson County, Kansas, and after the death of his mother—kept the father JABISH in his home for the rest of his life. He married Sarah E. and they had no children.

c. DORSEY PENTECOST AMES was born in 1845. He joined Company K of the 74th OVI, being mustered in December 30, 1861 at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio. He was mustered out with the company at the same time as Absalom above, remaining a private throughout his period of service. Dorsey married a Rice girl in Illinois.

d. JOHN G. AMES was born January 1, 1846. He married Amy O. Gates on October 2, 1874, and nine children were born to them.

1. Addie May Ames, born January 18, 1876, was the oldest daughter. She married Franklin Grant Palmer June 21, 1905. He died October 8, 1942; Addie May lived until January 18, 1960. Their children include:

Absalom Grant Palmer, born May 30, 1907, married Julia Elizabeth Curry on September 27, 1931. Martha Ann Palmer was the daughter born June 14, 1935. She married Junior Lee Short, January 1, 1953 and they have had Gary Dean September 3, 1953, Carmia Jean September 4,

1954, and Richard Eugene November 23, 1957. George Adrian was the son born to Absalom and Julia on March 8, 1946.

Chauncey Franklin Palmer was born July 16, 1910. He married Betty Josephine Seavey February 6, 1943. A step-daughter, Shirza Lucille McClenthan, born August 28, 1941 was raised by them. Their first child was Franklin Grant Palmer, born December 23, 1944. Betty Alice Palmer was born October 1, 1946 and Ruth Elaine December 24, 1948.

Rosy May Palmer was born October 29, 1915 and married Marion Dale McCullough August 11, 1933. Marion Lewis McCullough was born October 7, 1934, their first child. He married Lois Ann Yates December 30, 1956. Elton Ray McCullough was born January 27 1937, and died August 7, 1938.

Linnie Mable Palmer was born May 24, 1917 and married Harold Francis Freedman on August 10, 1933. Children include Shirley Dean Freeman, born December 9, 1934, (who married Kenneth L. Shaw October 2, 1954 and they have in their family Lyle Glen Shaw born July 1, 1955 and Roxann Shaw born June 3, 1957.) Mable Frances Freeman was born September 25, 1939 and Barbara Jean September 3, 1944 to complete Linnie and Harold's family.

e. HENRY F. AMES was born in 1847. On February 23, 1864 he enlisted in Company K with his brother Dorsey, serving as a private until his mustering out with the others in July of 1865. Henry married a Rice girl in Illinois, sister of Dorsey's wife.

f. ZACHARIAH (ZACK) TAYLOR AMES was apparently born about 1849. He never married—died in 1924.

g. SARAH JANE (Sally) AMES was born Nov. 4, 1849. She married George Andrew Thomas, and he died after the second child was born. Sarah and the two children were residing with the father, JABISH AMES in 1880. She married three times and had children by all three. Born to Sarah and George Thomas:

FIRST MARRIAGE OF SARAH AMES

1. OLIVE THOMAS was born December 5, 1871. At the death of her father, she was raised by her grandparents, Jabish and Elizabeth Ames. On August 7, 1892 she married Joseph Dudley Jones. Eight children were born before his death April 27, 1922. Olive married Harry Walker May 4, 1940, and he died April 20, 1950. Olive Thomas Jones Walker lived at Ottawa, Kansas in 1957, and furnished the first detailed information the writer had received on the Jabish Ames family. She was born in Missouri.

The family of OLIVE THOMAS and JOSEPH DUDLEY JONES is as follows:

Paul Andrew Jones was born May 16, 1893 and is now deceased.

Ecman Thomas Jones was born January 17, 1895. He married Jessie Irene Riley (born February 2, 1898.) The following children were born:

William Dudley Jones was the first son of Ecman and Jessie, born March 29, 1921. He married Tommie Juanita Lancaster (born December 28, 1920) and they had two sons Michael Thomas Jones, born July 12, 1952 and Robert Ecman Jones, born April 20, 1954.

Robert Ecman Jones was second son of Ecman and Jessie, born September 19, 1922. He married Elizabeth Nann Bronson (born June 14, 1924) and their two children are: Bernhart Ecman Jones, November 14, 1948 and Quentin Robert Jones, July 3, 1951.

Jack Russell Jones was third son of Ecman and Jessie, born July 30, 1924. He married Margaret Ricklefs, born December 19, 1927. They had these children: Jay Jones was born September 25, 1950; Mark on May 3, 1953; and Jeffrey Ralph on February 1, 1956.

Phyllis Irene Jones was only daughter of Ecman and Jessie, born October 6, 1929. She married Tommie Jo Lewis (born December 23, 1929.) Two sons has been born, Tommie David Lewis, January 6, 1953 and Timothy Kevin Lewis December 24, 1954.

Madaline Maree Jones was born December 14, 1897 and is now deceased.

Stella Adene Jones was born November 11, 1898. She married (on July 6, 1924) James Walter Brandon (born December 12, 1896). Their children include James Dudley Brandon, born September 6, 1931, Mary Lou Engart (born September 20, 1928) and they have one daughter, Susan Kim Brandon, born February 24, 1956.

Pearl Roberta Jones was born November 18, 1900. She married Criswell Elmore White on April 26, 1924. They had the following children: Duane Elmore White was born December 25, 1926, first child of Pearl and Criswell.

Boyd Elery White was born March 14, 1930, second child of Pearl and Criswell. He married Betty Jones, born July 6, 1930; their children include Rita Jo White, born July 25, 1954 and Carol Ann White born February 18, 1957.

Kenneth Clifford Jones was born March 28, 1903 and he is now deceased.

David Raleigh Jones was born April 1, 1905.

Glenn Hunter Jones was born July 17, 1908 and he married Dorothy Rae Smith, born May 24, 1910. Their family is as follows:

Joanne Rae Jones was born May 23, 1929 and married Robert Lewis Hatfield, born September 9, 1925. Their children are: Deborah Jane Hatfield, June 2, 1951; Robert Lewis Hatfield, Jr., October 28, 1952; and Michael James Hatfield June 20, 1954.

Glenn Hunter Jones, Jr., was born February 13, 1933. He married Diane Rae Baldwin. Their daughter is Judith Lee Jones, born August 18, 1938.

2. GEORGIA ANDREW THOMAS was born February 25, 1874 and married William Marion Beaver, born October 29, 1842 and three children were born. When Mr. Beaver died, Georgia married Richard Fenner.

Lonnie Beaver, daughter of Georgia and William, was born February 4, 1892 and married Laura May, born July 23, 1897.

Ethelyn Grant Beaver was born January 29, 1894 and married Earl Long, born February 28, 1894. Their son Ralph Clifford Long was born August 18, 1925 and married Susie Lee Sligh who had been born October 5, 1927. Ralph and Susie have adopted Teresa Louise, born June 2, 1956. They live in Michigan.

Una Gladys Beaver was born July 23, 1897 and married Clarence Raper, born September 4, 1894. They live in Leavenworth, Kansas.

SECOND MARRIAGE OF SARAH

The second marriage of SARAH JANE was to a man by the name of PENCE.

To this union were born Avona M. Pence on June 22, 1876; David G. Pence, April 16, 1877; Tot Pence, February 4, 1878.

THIRD MARRIAGE OF SARAH

The third marriage of SARAH was to a man by the name of HOLLIS.

Frank Rush Hollis was born October 9, 1883.

Bertha Hollis was born March 11, 1885.

Bessie Pearl Hollis was born June 22, 1886. She married Allen Malone Brines, Born April 29, 1882, and now lives in British Columbia. They have one son, Allen.

Allen Brines was born July 23, 1918, and married Evelyn Matthews on July 24, 1938. Their two sons are named Terry Allen (7-29-1939) and Mike Wayne (1-11-1943).

h. WILLIAM M. AMES may have been born in April, 1850.

i. STEPHEN DECATUR AMES was born in 1851, and died at the age of 18.

j. MARTHA (Mattie) AMES was born in 1854. She married Thomas Brady. They had one son, and first lived at Guthrie, Okla. until 1908. They moved to Mountain Grove, Mo., and then back to Guthrie—where both died.

Emmett Brady, the only son, married Alice Abshire. Four children were born at Mountain Grove, Mo. They then moved to Apple Valley, Calif., where Emmett was killed a few years ago in a machinery accident.

k. ERASTUS HOSKIN AMES was born October 7, 1856. He married Martha Ann Anderson November 25, 1892. Three children were born:

1. PEARL ALLEN AMES was born February 25, 1894. She married Walter Armbruster and four children were born. Walter is now deceased—and Pearl lives in Buckner, Mo.

a. Donald Armbruster married Kay Martin and they have four children, Donnie, Lee, Marilyn and Rose Ann. They live at Wellington, Mo., where the father is an osteopathic physician.

b. Martha K. Armbruster married Fred DeHoff. They have three children, Freddie, Dale, and Kathy. They live at Lacygne, Kansas.

c. Lavina Armbruster married Frank McMillan, and they have two children, Frankie and Nickie. They live at Grain Valley, Mo.

d. Betty Armbruster married R. C. McQuerry and they have three children: Cindy, Terry and Diane.

2. ESTELLE (Stella) AMES was born December 23, 1895. She married Herbert R. Laughlin, and they live in Buckner, Missouri. Three children have been born:

a. Marian Laughlin married T. G. Vaughn and they have no children. Their home is Odessa, Mo.

b. Edward Herbert Laughlin married Barbara Hoy. There are two children, Laura Lee and Edward Lance. He is in the Navy, and in 1957 was at Norfolk, Va.

c. William Meredith Laughlin is not married, but is in the air force, stationed at Omaha, Nebraska as of September 1957.

3. WILLIAM HENRY AMES was born November 8, 1897. He married Pauline Clark, and they have two children. William Henry, the father, is now deceased.

a. William Robert Ames married Shirley Thomas and they have two children. William Robert, Jr. and Sheila.

Both are still young and, with their parents, live in Buckner, Missouri.

b. Janet Ann Ames is only 17 and is not married. In 1957 she was a senior in high school and lives with her mother Pauline, in Buckner, Mo.

1. JASPER NEWTON AMES was born in 1858.

m. MARY ELLEN (Molly) AMES was born in 1860.

n. GRANVILLE MOODY AMES was born February 10, 1864 near New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio. Early in his life he moved with the parents to Johnson County, Kansas, where he married Samantha Ann Jones in 1886. He died in 1927. Eleven children were born:

1. ARTHUR THOMAS AMES was born June 9, 1887. He married Esther Simms and no children were born.

2. CLARENCE MOODY AMES was born June 9, 1889. He married Sarah Ann Simms and had the following children:

a. Sylvia Ames married Clyde Garrett, but no children were born.

b. Louis Ames married Hazel Brown and they had three children.

c. Eugene Ames married Mildred Johnson. One daughter, Linda, has been born to them.

3. JOSEPH G. AMES was born July 9, 1891. He married Glenna Melton and they had:

a. Paul Ames who married Ora Middleton and had one daughter, Linda.

b. Bernadine Ames, who married Jonathan Gassett and had one daughter.

c. Sherril Ames, who has not married.

d. Linda Ames, also unmarried.

4. LEROY GRANVILLE AMES was born May 27, 1893. He married Juanita Brummit. They had two children, as follows:

a. LeRoy Ames married Vera Guy and had five children at this writing.

b. Katherine Ames married Sherman Brown and had one daughter to date.

5. MARY ELIZABETH AMES* was born January 2, 1896. She married Orvel O. Tucker and settled in Ottawa, Kansas, where she has become the writer's chief informant on this lineage. Children include:

* "Margaret Van Valkenburg Ames, born in Germany, and Absalom Ames, born in England, Lieutenant of the English Army, were my grandparents," Mary Tucker wrote to the author in 1957. In later communications she told of hearing her aunts talk about it when she was a little girl. They would be daughters of Jabish Gilead Ames. It was Jabish, also, who told of King James as ancestor of our lineage (See footnote page 139b).

a. Jessie Tucker married Walter Butler and had one son.

b. Walter William Tucker had not married in 1961.

c. Rex Tucker married Betty Bumgarner and they have one child, Teresa Ann.

d. Robert Craig Tucker had not married in 1961.

e. Elizabeth Ann Tucker had not married in 1961.

6. GRACE MARTINESS AMES was born February 24, 1898. She married Clarence Olson. Their children include:

a. Elnora Olson married Miles Cunningham. They had one son, Timmie.

b. Virginia Olson married Dean Palper. They have two children, Kent and Susie.

c. Ralph Olson married Donna Solbeck. Diane, Carolyn, and Sheri have been born to them.

d. Margie Olson married Robert Olson. Children are: Carol, Robin, and Erick.

7. ROBERT ELWOOD AMES was born June 13, 1900. He married Fern Langdon, but no children have been born.

8. RUTH ELLEN AMES was born April 21, 1902. She married Ralph McCrea, Sr. Here is their family:

a. Ralph Samuel McCrea, Jr., married Helen Wilson, of Osawatomie, Kansas. Their children are Lewis, Samuel and Loyd Ames.

b. Cleo Jeanice McCrea married Gilford A. Nutt. Karen Janice, Gilford Lynn, Kevin Ralph and Keith Ryan are the children.

c. Georgia Jane McCrea married Robert Leo Nutt. Children are Donna Jane, Robert Leo, Jr., and Ricki.

d. Patsy Ruth McCrea married Elmer Douglas Kershner. Children are: Michael Douglas and Patrick William.

e. William Ames McCrea married Gail Ponton. Children are Sandra Gail, William Wayne, and Rebecca Diane.

9. EMMET MARCH AMES was born March 7, 1905, and married Naomi Strahan, and no children were born.

10. HATTIE MAE AMES was born February 2, 1908. She married James Karl McClellan on December 6, 1930. Their children:

a. James Harlan McClellan, born June 1, 1932, married Gloria Soffa. Their children are: Michael James, Nanette Jane, Jeffrey George, and Susan Ann.

b. Margaret Karol Ann McClellan was born July 24, 1933 and married George W. Combs, Jr. No children as this is written.

c. Larry Joe McClellan was born August 8, 1939, and is not married at this writing.

d. Esther Mae McClellan was born July 31, 1942. She married Richard Dale Klutts, and no children were born in October of 1961.

11. Raymond Lee Ames was the youngest child in the family—married Davie Newell, and they have one daughter, Lee Ann.

o. ELIZABETH MAY AMES was born July 9, 1866, youngest member of the family. She married George Harbeson, and they had two children. She was living at Pioneer Home, Prescott, Arizona, in 1957, having lost her vision completely. Mr. Harbeson died in the 1930s. Mrs. Harbeson's death came in 1960.

Elizabeth* was interviewed for the writer on her 91st birthday, July 9, 1957—and the following information was giving concerning her family. She also told the first connected story of the origin of our branch of the family, which coincided with all previously known details. See page 206 for this genealogical detail.

1. FERN HARBESON was born in 1894 and married William Reid in 1912. Fern died in 1931, having had the following children, all of whom live in California except Richard (who lives in Colorado).

a. Barbara Reid was born in 1913 and married a Mr. Campbell.

b. William Reid was in 1915.

c. Elizabeth Reid was born in 1917.

d. Richard Reid (who lives in Colorado) was born in 1919.

e. Margrete Reid was born in 1931.

2. RAY HARBESON was born in 1910. He married Mary Matli. Ray died in 1930 and his wife is deceased also at this time. One son was born:

a. Ray Harbeson, Jr., was born in 1923.

2. DORSEY P. AMES was born October 10, 1820, named for his uncle. He married Rachel Davis (born February 10, 1825) on November 14, 1844. The family moved with the parents to Wisconsin. Dorsey died on October 26, 1899, aged slightly over 79, and Rachel lived until February 26, 1903, dying when she was 78. 'Doss,' as he was known, was one of the first to go to Wisconsin.

* On July 9, 1957, Elizabeth said to Mrs. G. W. Sandler, "A woman helped King James with the translation of the Bible, and they fell in love, but could not marry, because she was not of royal blood. They had a child (boy) and the 'J' was dropped and gave him the name of AMES." When questioned, she said, "My father told me when I was a little girl." The father was Jabish Gilead Ames (see page 135).

a. EMILY AMES was born September 29, 1845, and died March 11, 1846 at six months of age.

b. MARGARET AMES was born July 26, 1847. She married Thomas Rutter and they had three daughters and two sons. Margaret died October 16, 1912, at age 65.

1. Mary Rutter married Martin Lough and now lives in Indiana.

2. Martha Rutter married Harry Ricks. They have one son and moved to the State of Nebraska.

3. Lauretta Rutter married Frank Barham.

4. Dorsey Rutter married Estella Barham.

5. Lawrence Rutter married Lillie Knutson.

c. JOSEPH M. AMES was born August 20, 1849, and died June 20, 1853, not yet four years old.

d. SAMUEL AMES was born March 10, 1851. He married Amanda Lockington (born in 1860) and they had three daughters and two sons. Samuel died April 21, 1920, aged 69, after siring the following children:

1. Elizabeth Jane Ames was born in 1867 and married Estel Braham.

2. Elsie M. Ames was born in 1868 and married Lewis Louks.

3. Amy Ames married Alva Louks.

4. Amon Ames never married.

5. Cleveland Ames* married Mayme Anderson. The family Bible in his possession was a source of much information for this book.

e. CLARENCE AMES was born December 31, 1852, and married Sarah Lockington. They had six daughters and one son—Dorsey Pentecost Ames. Clarence and family moved to Michigan, where he died April 6, 1934, past 80 years of age.

The names of the daughters were Cora, (born in 1879) Imah, Ruth, Rose, Nina, and Clarice.

f. SARAH ANN AMES was born April 16, 1856, and married Benton Hayden. They had five daughters and one son, before her death November 8, 1936, well past 80 years of age.

1. Nora Hayden married Clarence Minor.

2. Ida Hayden married Albert Shaner. Mrs. Shaner has assisted greatly in providing information about this lineage.

* Working from the complete first generation chart thus made available, the writer has used census records and personal correspondence to complete the Absalom lineage as it is printed here. Omissions are due to the fact that certain branches failed to furnish information in spite of repeated inquiries made by the writer.

3. Meda Hayden married William Olson.
4. Walter Hayden married Julia Ellefson.
5. Della Hayden married Emil Peterson.
6. Mārgaret Hayden married Jack Olson.

g. PLEASY JANE AMES was born April 22, 1858. She married Ralph Hayden, and died February 11, 1880, not yet 22. There were no children.

h. ABSALOM AMES was born August 24, 1860, and married Ida Braman. They had two daughters, two sons, before his death December 5, 1940, just past the age of 80. They lived at Decorah, Iowa.

1. Mildred Ames married Henry Brynas.
2. Dollie Ames married Mr. Golden.
3. Absalom Ames did not marry.
4. Jacob Ames—no other information.

i. MARY S. AMES was born March 1, 1863. She married Jacob Stusy, and they had two daughters. She died May 20, 1941, aged 78, at Vallejo, California.

1. May Stusy married Glenn Alley.
2. Bessie Stusy married a Mr. Dillon.

j. RACHEL AMES was born May 5, 1865. She married James Latimore and had one daughter, before dying October 1, 1937, aged 72.

k. HANNAH AMES was born June 8, 1868, and married Thomas Gordon. They had three daughters and one son. Hannah lived to be nearly 84, dying March 16, 1952—the oldest of any of the Dorsey Ames children.

1. John Gordon married Mayme Weisse.
2. Genevieve Gordon married William Reilly.
3. Lucille Gordon married Clarence McDonald.
4. Ione Gordon married Ted Sallander.

3. ELIZABETH AMES, probably named for her paternal grandmother, was born December 12, 1823 and married Ebenezer Kirkbride (born in 1813) on December 8, 1842. She died February 2, 1897, aged 73. The children born to them include:

a, b, c, d. MARY JANE, MARGARET, SARAH ANN and LINCOLN KIRKBRIDE were born in the interval between 1842 and 1852.

e. ALONZO H. KIRKBRIDE was born in 1852 and married Ura E. (born 1853).

f. ABSALOM A. KIRKBRIDE was born in 1855 and married Hannah H. (born 1856)

g. HANNAH KIRKBRIDE was born in 1858.

h. JOSIAH KIRKBRIDE was born in 1862.

i. LIZZIE MAE KIRKBRIDE was born in 1865.

4. JOHN W. AMES was born January 16, 1826 and married Lucinda Barr on September 8, 1849. In the 1850 census he and Lucinda were living with Absalom and Margaret in Union Township, Morgan County, Ohio. A two month-old son, ALVIN AMES was living with them. John stayed in Ohio or Pennsylvania but visited those who went farther West. Apparently John married again, children enumerated for the writer by relatives included the following, born to JOHN W. and MARTHA MORE-HEAD AMES:

- a. ABSALOM AMES.
- b. LAURA AMES.
- c. IDA AMES.
- d. CHARLES AMES.
- e. JOHN AMES.
- f and g—Two younger daughters.

5. JOSEPH M. AMES was born February 14, 1828 and married Martha Davis (born February 13, 1833) on February 27, 1851. He died May 30, 1883, only 55. His widow lived until July 25, 1921. They had moved to the Webster, Vernon County, Wisconsin, area by 1870 and were listed in the census records there for that year.

Joseph was listed in the 1850 census for Morgan County, Ohio as a shoemaker, aged 22 years. He was unmarried at the time.

a. SAMUEL D. AMES was born December 16, 1851 in Ohio. He lived until August 1, 1934, an age of nearly 83. His wife was a Hunter and they had three sons and two daughters.

b. ABSALOM AMES was born January 8, 1854, also in Ohio. He lived until July 10, 1935, passing his 81st birthday.

c. ERASTUS H. AMES was born March 20, 1856. He was the first to be born after the trip to Wisconsin. Seven children were born before his death August 11, 1927. His wife's name was Ella C. Jacobs.

1. MYRTLE E. AMES was born April 12, 1881. She married a man by the name of Ammerman and lives at Viroqua, Wis. A letter from her included a big chart of Absalom's family.

2. CHARLES ABSALOM AMES was born March 4, 1883. He married Lena J. Michels November 8, 1915 and at Fort Benton, Montana. His daughter, Velma Romanesko, typed a letter for him, filling in these details.

3. WALTER RAY AMES was born April 10, 1885. He is listed as a Doctor at Missoula, Montana.

4. LENA AMES was born August 3, 1887 and married a man by the name of Scott. She died in December of 1952.

5. EDWIN HOWARD AMES was born December 1, 1889. He married Mary Lambert (a cousin of Mrs. Charles A. Ames) in November of 1915. "Howard" died November 30, 1948.

6. IDA AMES was born February 20, 1892 and married a Mr. Hankins. She died November 29, 1926.

7. LELA JOY AMES was born March 2, 1898 and died March 27, 1901.

d. EMILY JANE AMES was born August 8, 1858 and lived until January 22, 1946, nearly 88 years of age. She married, first Jake Christman, then a man by the name of Kellar.

e. MARCUS D. AMES was born May 22, 1861 and died May 5, 1930, just before his 69th birthday. He married Mattie Beard. Children include Ammons, Flossie, Ona and Helen.

f. MARGARET ANN AMES was born January 18, 1864. Her husband's name is once listed as Bish and again as Miller. Maybe she too married twice. Children included three daughters and two sons.

g. DORSEY P. AMES was born April 25, 1866. He married Minnie Hays and they had two daughters and four sons. Dorsey died December 17, 1946, when he was 80 years of age.

h. MARY SACCHARISA AMES was born July 28, 1869. She married and had two sons and two daughters, but name of husband is not known. She died in 1920.

i. AMMON N. AMES was born July 23, 1871, and died January 5, 1882.

j. RACHEL HARRIET AMES was born October 10, 1873. She married Frank McGarry and had one daughter and two sons. She is known to all the family as Aunt Hattie, still lives near Viroqua, Wis, and has been bedridden for several years. Her name was signed to the Myrtle Ammerman letter mentioned above.

An ELIZA AMES, born in 1822, in Virginia, was living near Joseph M. Ames in Webster, Vernon County, Wisconsin, in 1870. She had living with her:

GEORGE AMES (1847 in Ohio) and wife Viana (1851). Their one year old son Gaylord lived there too.

MARY M. AMES (1849 in Ohio) was living with Eliza. No other record is available on this family.

6. SARAH ANN AMES was born July 4, 1830 and married Thomas Tenney on May 19, 1857. She died in August of 1915, aged 85. To many she was known as "Sally."

a. ALBERT TENNEY was born in June of 1860.

b. BENJAMIN AVERIL TENNEY was born in November of 1867. He married Alice Bean and they had two children.

c. MARY PATIENCE TENNEY was born April 15, 1869, first daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ann Tenney. At the age of 87 she wrote a detailed account of the Absalom Ames background. Her memory was excellent, and her handwriting firm, though her vision was impaired at the time. In April of 1957 another letter was received from her, extending the amount of detail to include a lot of additional people, and giving names of other relatives to contact for further information. She was living in Butte, Montana, at the time of writing these letters.

d. ELIZABETH DOW TENNEY married Allen McPhee.

7. HANNAH AMES was born March 4, 1832, and was probably named for her aunt. She married William Brooks on August 27, 1851. Death came January 8, 1924, when she was nearly 92. Children include:

a. AMBROSE BROOKS was born in 1852 and married Hannah J. (born in 1851).

b. THOMAS T. BROOKS was born in 1854 and married Naomi (born in 1855).

c, d, e, f, g, h., SARAH ANN, MARGARET, MARY, ELIZABETH, DOOCK, and MATILDA BROOKS were all born between 1845 and 1865.

i. JOSEPHINE A. BROOKS was born in 1865.

j. RACHEL S. BROOKS was born in 1867.

k. HARRIET M. BROOKS was born in 1869.

l. BERTHA B. BROOKS was born in 1872.

m. IVA ALICE BROOKS was born in 1875.

8. ERASTUS H. AMES was born January 26, 1834. He married Jane (Pleasy) Davis on July 3, 1856, and died in May of 1917, aged 83. Jane was the 3rd of three Davis sisters in Morgan Country to become wife of one of the AMES brothers. See Dorsey and Erastus for the other two. Children include:

a. ABSALOM C. AMES was born in 1857. He married Mary (born in 1867)—six sons and three daughters.

b. FESTUS H. AMES was born in 1859. He married Nellie Jacobus (born in 1861) and they had four daughters, and three sons. He died December 26, 1925 and she lived until December 9, 1937. Their children:

1. MARY JANE AMES was born in 1881 and married Henry Bohland. Mary Jane died in 1948, the mother of seven children, two sons and five daughters. Their names are: Pleasy, Irene, Lela, Lyla, Dilla Jane, Percy and Alvah.

2. ETHEL JANE AMES was born in 1883 and married William Bohland. They had six boys and four girls before Ethel's death in 1948. They were: Otto, Leslie, Harley, Glen, Ellsworth, Willard, Mildred, Ethel Jane, Janette, and Kathryn.

3. ELIZABETH R. AMES was born in 1885 and married Will Elvin. They had one son and two daughters: Elmer, Edna, and Leone.

4. WORRICK R. AMES was born in 1887. He never married and died in 1956.

5. ERASTUS H. AMES was born in 1889, never married, and died in 1949.

6. MABEL LEONA AMES was born in 1893 and married John Warren. There were no children born to this couple, but Mabel has been actively helpful in gathering information about the Ames descendants most closely related to her. Much of what is now being read would have been missed except for her willingness to dig up information for the writer.

7. CHESTER H. AMES was born in 1860 and married Wilma Erickson. They have had two sons and three daughters: Verlyn Fay, Loren Eugene, Lorna, Phyllis and Cynthia.

c. HAMPTON M. AMES was born in 1860 and married Emma (born in 1862).

d. EFFA AMES was born in 1865, married Frank Bangs, had three daughters, one son.

e. MARGARET AMES was born in 1868.

f. MARY AMES was born in 1871.

g. MARTHA AMES was born in 1873.

h. VERNON AMES was born in 1875.

i. AGNES AMES, born in 1877, married Bert Gibbs.

j. EMMA AMES was born in 1879 (according to census records) but there is some error here—this must have been a grandchild who was living with ERASTUS AMES. The Emma born in the Erastus family was married to George Peaslee and her first child was born in 1882, as noted below. It is likely that the daughter of Erastus was born about 1862—the only “gap” in the succession.

TABLE XVII

OVER A HUNDRED GRANDCHILDREN

Absalom Ames	married	Margaret Autengshu
8-14-1796	2-11-1816	6-15-1796

Jabish Gilead Ames
4 - 25 - 1818
Married 4 - 1841
Elizabeth Jane Martin
1824

Harriet Ann Ames—1842
Josiah Absalom Ames—1844
Dorsey Pentecost Ames—1845
John G. Ames—1846
Henry F. Ames—1847
Zachariah Taylor Ames—1849
William M. Ames—1850
Stephen Decatur Ames—1851
Sarah Jane (Sally) Ames—1852
Martha (Mattie) Ames—1854
Erastus H. Ames—10-7-1856
Jasper Newton Ames—1858
Mary (Molly) Ames—1860
Granville Moody Ames—2-10-1864
Elizabeth Mae Ames—7-9-1866

Dorsey P. Ames
10 - 10 - 1820
Married 11 - 14 - 1844
Rachel Davis
2 - 10 - 1825

Emily Ames—9-29-1845
Margaret Ames—7-26-1847
Joseph M. Ames—8-20-1849
Samuel Ames—3-10-1851
Clarence Ames—12-31-1851
Sarah Ann Ames—4-16-1856
Pleasy Jane Ames—4-22-1858
Absalom Ames—8-24-1860
Mary S. Ames—3-1-1863
Rachel Ames—5-5-1865
Hannah Ames—6-8-1868

Elizabeth Ames
12 - 12 - 1842
Married - 12 - 8 - 1842
Ebenezer Kirkbride
1813

Mary Jane Kirkbride
Margaret Kirkbride
Sarah Ann Kirkbride
Lincoln Kirkbride
Alonzo H. Kirkbride—1852
Absalom A. Kirkbride—1855
Hannah Kirkbride—1858
Josiah Kirkbride—1862
Elizabeth Mae Kirkbride—1865

John W. Ames
1 - 16 - 1826
Married 1849
Lucinda Barr
Married 2nd
Martha Morehead

Alvin Ames—1850 (first wife)
Absalom Ames—by second wife
Laura Ames
Ida Ames
Charles Ames
John Ames
Two younger daughters

Joseph N. Ames
2 - 14 - 1828
Married 2 - 27 - 1851
Martha Davis
2 - 13 - 1833

Samuel D. Ames—12-16-1851
Absalom Ames—1-8-1854
Erastus H. Ames—3-20-1856
Emily Jane Ames—8-8-1858
Marcus D. Ames—5-22-1861
Margaret Ann Ames—1-18-1864
Dorsey P. Ames—4-25-1866
Mary Saccharista Ames—7-28-1869
Ammon N. Ames—7-23-1871
Rachel H. Ames—10-10-1873

Sarah Ann Ames
7 - 4 - 1830
Married 5 - 19 - 1857——
Thomas Tenney

Albert Tenney—6-1860
Benjamin Averil Tenney—11-1867
Mary Patience Tenney—4-15-1869
Elizabeth Dow Tenney

Hannah Ames
3 - 4 - 1832
Married 8 - 27 - 1851 ——
William Brooks

Ambrose Brooks—1852
Thomas T. Brooks—1854
Sarah Ann Brooks
Margaret Brooks
Mary Brooks
Elizabeth Brooks
Dooch (?) Brooks
Matilda Brooks
Josephine Brooks—1865
Rachel S. Brooks—1867
Harriet M. Brooks—1869
Bertha B. Brooks—1872
Iva Alice Brooks—1875

Erastus H. Ames
1 - 26 - 1834
Married 7 - 3 - 1856 ——
Pleasy Jane Davis

Absalom C. Ames—1857
Festus H. Ames—1859
Hampton N. Ames—1860
Emma Ames—1862
Effa Ames—1865
Margaret Ames—1868
Mary Ames—1871
Martha Ames—1873
Vernon Ames—1875
Agnes Ames—1877

Margaret Ames
4 - 10 - 1836
Married 3 - 8 - 1860 ——
Israel Parsons
1839

Ida M. Parsons—1861
Edwin C. Parsons—1864
Annie M. Parsons—1866
Eva H. Parsons—1868
Frank P. Parsons—1870
Vernon M. Parsons—1872
Augustus F. Parsons—1874
Laura B. Parsons—1876

Mary Ames
11 - 11 - 1840
Married 8 - 24 - 1862 ——
Martin Host
1840

Harriet Host—1867
Margaret Host—1871
Joseph Host—1873

Dexter Newton Ames
8 - 17 - 1842
Married 10 - 15 - 1863 ——
Diana Copper
1 - 8 - 1841

Marcus Newton Ames—8-23-1864
Mary Margaret Ames—7-10-1867
Lucinda Florence Ames—6-16-1869
Joseph Ransom Ames—4-2-1873
Franklin Pierce Ames—8-10-1875
Charles Emmet Ames—11-17-1877
John Marion Ames—1-27-1884

Harriet Ames
7 - 7 - 1845
Married 10 - 22 - 1864 ——
Thomas Joseph
1845

John Joseph—1866
George Joseph—1868
Charles Joseph—1870
Mary E. Joseph—1872
Sarah Ann Joseph—1879

Absalom Ames died June 29, 1880, Margaret Nov. 4, 1881.

1. JANE PEASLEE, first child of George and Emma was born in 1883, but she did not live to maturity.

2. LULA PEASLEE, second child, was born in 1885. She married Harry Nichols in 1903. To them Donald 1904 and Ruth 1906, were born.

3. LANO PEASLEE was born in 1887 and married Lizzie Hartman. George, Walter, Earl, Helen and Lucille, were the names of their children.

4. LETTIE PEASLEE was born in 1890. She married Charles Bean and they had four children and adopted one. Dorothy was the adopted child. Douglas, the first of their own children died early. Gertrude, Hazel and Emily survived.

5. CASSIE PEASLEE was born in 1893. She married Edgar White and three children were born. Edgar, Kenard and Bette were the names of the offspring.

9. MARGARET AMES, named for her grandmother, was born April 10, 1836. She married Israel Parsons (born in 1839) on March 8, 1860 and died in 1918 at age 82. Children include:

- a. IDA M. PARSONS was born in 1861.
- b. EDWIN C. PARSONS was born in 1864.
- c. ANNIE M. PARSONS was born in 1866.
- d. EVA H. PARSONS was born in 1868.
- e. FRANK P. PARSONS was born in 1870.
- f. VERNON M. PARSONS was born in 1872.
- g. AUGUSTUS F. PARSONS was born in 1874.
- h. LAURA B. PARSONS was born in 1876.

10. MARY AMES was born November 11, 1840. She married Martin Host (born in 1840) on August 24, 1862, and died January 27, 1892, only 51. Children:

a. HARRIET HOST was born in 1867, and married a Yencer. She lives in El Paso, Texas.

1. Mrs. A. T. Hammonds of Tucson, Arizona, is a daughter of Harriet and Martin Host.

2. Mrs. George Hammonds of El Paso, Texas, is another.

3. Mrs. Ceres Alexander of El Paso, Texas, is a third daughter.

4. Mrs. Harry G. Brown of Huntington Park, Calif., is the fourth child of Harriet and Martin Host.

b. MARGARET HOST was born in 1871, and married an Arnold.

1. Roxie Arnold Worsham of Modesto, Calif., is a daughter of Margaret Host Arnold.

c. JOSEPH HOST was born in 1873.

1. Mrs. Horace West of Ferryville, Wis., is a daughter of Joseph Host.

2. Huber Host of Ferryville, is a son.

3. Allan Host of Ferryville, is another son.

An Albert Ames, born in 1860, was listed in the 1880 census as living with Mrs. Host, and was indicated to have been born in Iowa. He is reported by some relatives to have been son of Sarah Ann Ames (listed on page 144 as Albert Tenney.) If true, this is probably a listing using his middle name and omitting the last.

11. DEXTER NEWTON AMES was born August 17, 1842. On October 15, 1863 he married Diana Copper (born January 8, 1841). Dexter and Diana moved to the Sterling, Vernon County, Wis., region, where they were listed in the census of 1870. Dexter lived until May 11, 1920, a life span of nearly 78 years. He was one of the smallest of the Ames men that has come to the attention of the writer. His daughter, Lucinda, said in 1957 that her father was only about five feet seven, and weighed only 115 pounds. This is in sharp contrast to the Nehemiah descendants, many of whom weighed over 200 pounds, and whole families of which averaged over 180 pounds. Most of the other Absalom descendants, though, are tall—many are heavy. Children born to Dexter and Diana include:

a. MARCUS NEWTON AMES was born August 23, 1864. He married twice, having one child by the first wife and six by the second. His first marriage was to Mrs. Josie Burns in 1894 and the second to Sadie Applebee in September of 1913. The children live near LaCrosse, Wis.

1. LAVERN AMES was born to Marcus and Josie on February 29, 1896. He died in 1952.

2, 3, 4, 5. DEXTER, FRANK, WILLIAM and IVAN were the four sons born to Marcus and Sadie.

6, 7. ELLA and ISIBEL were the two daughters of Marcus and Sadie.

b. MARY MARGARET AMES was born July 10, 1867. She married Henry Delacy on November 26, 1892.

1. LEO DELACY is the only living son.

2, 3, 4. LEON and HAROLD DELACY are the other two sons, both dead. The daughter, MARY, died January 17, 1927. Harold married Gladys Southland.

c. LUCINDA FLORENCE AMES was born June 16, 1869. She married twice. First, Samuel J. Arnold on

October 20, 1889 and second to Albert H. Hutson, December 31, 1919. The second husband died March 1, 1957. Three children were born to the first marriage. Lucinda at the age of 88 wrote most of this detail on the lineage of Dexter Newton Ames. Relatives are predicting that she may be the one to equal the 97 years of her aunt Hattie Ames Joseph. She has several octogenarians and nonogenarians in her maternal lineage to help with assured longevity. Most of the descendants live in or near to Dubuque, Iowa, where Lucinda herself resided in 1957. Children include:

1. HOWARD ARNOLD was born May 27, 1892. His son Marion was born October 10, 1914. Howard died March 2, 1945.

2. HARRY EARL ARNOLD was born March 28, 1896. He has one son and five daughters. The boy's name is Harry H. Arnold.

3. DIANA M. ARNOLD was born January 18, 1898 and married Frank J. Hechelmiller at Dubuque, Iowa.

One daughter, RITA MAE was born February 22, 1928. She married Joseph Gilligan on July 4, 1947. They have two sons.

One son, DELBERT F. HECKELMILLER was born June 22, 1930. He married on August 18, 1956, Jean Myers.

d. JOSEPH RANSON AMES was born April 2, 1873. He married Minnie Tower on February 15, 1899, and four children were born. The family lives in Grant County, Wisconsin, near LaCrosse. Joseph died December 25, 1958, aged 85 years. The family lives in Grant County, Wisconsin, near LaCrosse. Children include:

Mrs. Louis (Effie) Knipple lives at Stoddard, near LaCrosse, Wis.

Mrs. Wilfred Moore and Harley Moore both live in Grant County—the other two daughters of Joseph and Minnie.

John Ames, also of Grant County, is the only son.

e. FRANKLIN PIERCE AMES was born August 10, 1875. On September 26, 1901 he married Florence Tower, who died in 1955—and Frank now batches it with the unmarried children at DeSoto. Children include:

1. Frank Pierce Ames, Jr., lives at DeSoto, Wis.

2. Percy Ames also lives at DeSoto.

3. Glen Ames lives at DeSoto.

4. Ross Ames lives at DeSoto.

5. Gene Ames lives at DeSoto.

6. Leonard Ames also lives at DeSoto.

7. Bernice Ames moved to California.

8. Flossie Ames moved to LaCrosse, Wis.

9. Lois Ames has residence at Genoa, Wis.

f. CHARLES EMMET AMES was born November 17, 1877. He died March 11, 1902. He was about six feet, the tallest of the children.

g. JOHN MARION AMES was born January 27, 1884, and died in 1903.

12. HARRIET AMES was born July 7, 1844 and married Thomas Joseph (born in 1845) on October 22, 1864. Death came in March of 1941 when she was nearly 97. This was the longest life enjoyed by any of Absalom's children (or any Jabez descendant for that matter). The children listed in census records:

a. JOHN JOSEPH was born in 1866.

b. GEORGE JOSEPH was in 1868.

c. CHARLES JOSEPH as born in 1870.

d. MARY E. JOSEPH was born in 1872.

e. SARAH JOSEPH was born in 1879. It was probably "Sarah Ann," since she was known as "Annie."

It is interesting that Harriet said to census takers in 1880, her father had come from Massachusetts. She was apparently referring to the nativity of early Ames families. No other Ames made this claim.

DORSEY PENTECOST AMES, son of Jabez and Elizabeth Smith Ames, was born December 24, 1802. Sometime soon after 1825 he married Susan Pierce (born September 4, 1805).^{*} In 1830 he and his wife lived in Union Township, Morgan County, Ohio, with two young daughters. Their residence was near that of Absalom Ames. They remained in that county until sometime after 1840, for they were in the census there at that time.

In that decade Dorsey and his family removed to Muscatine County, Iowa, settling first near Bloomington, where they were recorded in the 1850 census with seven children. In 1860 and 1870 they were recorded in Pike Township of the same county. Information in census listings was used to fill in missing details on the children as recorded below and on the chart.

^{*}It is interesting that census records all point to Dorsey as being born about 1805, and his wife as being born in 1813, eight years later. This is repeated in three different listings—yet family records give the exact birth-dates listed in this paragraph.

TABLE XVIII

Dorsey Pentecost Ames married 12-24-1802	Susan Pierce 9-4-1805
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ESTHER (HETTIE) AMES—1829

JOSEPH AMES—1831

JOHN AMES—1833

DELILAH AMES—1836

WILLIAM AMES—1838

ABSALOM D. AMES—
2-22-1840

married—————

SARAH E. SHEELY—
11-11-1845

Joseph S. Ames—1867
Absalom D. Ames—1868
Nora E. Ames—1870
Amos W. Ames—1872
Bert G. Ames—1874
Margaret Ames—1875
Seldon H. Ames—1885

(Adopted name—born to
Sarah's second marriage).

ELIZABETH AMES—1843

SILAS H. AMES—
3-10-1846

married—————

JOSEPHINE HORTON—
1851

Silas Nelson Ames—1868
Augustus Ames—1870
George Byron Ames—1873
Albert B. Ames 1874
Stella Gertrude Ames—1879
Charles Marion Ames—1880
Josephine Ames lived 3 yrs.
Grover Cleveland Ames—
lived only one year.
Louis Napoleon Ames—
lived seven years.

Dorsey Ames died March 10, 1876; Susan died January 5, 1893. Burial is at Watkins Cemetery, Nichols, Iowa.

Dorsey died March 10, 1876, aged 73 years, three months and 17 days, but his widow Susan was living in Pike Township in 1880 with the younger children. She died January 5, 1893. Dorsey was named for Dorsey Pentecost (of the famous Dorsey family of Maryland, and probably originally of New York.) Pentecost (originally Petticote, Petticoat and Pencoast) was owner of 2,000 acres in Washington County, where Jabez and Elizabeth lived—and before that had 2,000 acres in Frederick County, Virginia.

1. The first known daughter was ESTHER AMES, born in 1829 in Ohio. She was probably "Aunt Hetty."
2. JOSEPH AMES was born in 1831 in Ohio.
3. JOHN AMES was born in 1833, also in Ohio.
4. DELILAH AMES was born in 1836 in Ohio.
5. WILLIAM AMES was born in 1838.

(There is very little information on these early members of the family.)

6. ABSALOM D. AMES was born February 22, 1840. In 1870 he was listed in census records as living with Dorsey and Susan—and his name was ABSALOM. This in spite of the fact that on May 12, 1866 he had married Sarah E. Sheely (born November 11, 1845). In 1880 "D" Ames and Sarah E. Ames were living in Seventy-Six Township, Muscatine County, Iowa. Sarah died November 14, 1933 at the age of 88. Correspondence with Harvey C. Ames of Davenport, Iowa, revealed his line of descent from "Absalom D. Ames"—which combined the two. Comparison of census records in 1880 with the family Bible record in Harvey's possession proved the identify of the two men. An Absalom D. Ames joined Company F of the Iowa Volunteers February 17, 1862. This was almost certainly the one—and the official records includes a statement that he was captured by the Confederates near Atlanta and spent considerable time in Andersonville prison before his discharge from the service. Sarah married again after Absalom's death. Only Seldon was born to the second marriage. Combining all available information, the following is known about the family.

a. JOSEPH S. AMES was born January 4, 1867. On October 10, 1888 he married Josie Moore.

b. ABSALOM D. AMES was born May 4, 1868.

c. NORA E. AMES was born April 17, 1870.

d. AMOS W. AMES was born February 1, 1872. On November 4, 1896, he married Julia Hardick. Two sons were born.

1. LAWRENCE W. AMES was born October 5, 1897.

2. HARVEY C. AMES was born December 10, 1899 and now lives in Davenport, Iowa. It was a page from the Absalom D. Ames family Bible in his possession which gave the needed detail to complete this lineage of Dorsey and Sarah. Harvey's children:

a. John H. Ames was born April 24, 1925. He has one son, John David Ames, born July 1, 1954.

b. William C. Ames was born September 28, 1929.

e. BERT G. AMES was born to Absalom and Sarah on March 3, 1874. He served in the war with Spain in 1898.

f. MARGARET E. AMES was born August 30, 1875.

g. SELDON H. AMES was born May 14, 1885. He married Ruth Follett on September 27, 1916. Seldon died on May 26, 1930, aged 45. He was not an Ames, but adopted the name after having been born to Sarah by her second husband—probably for the sake of uniformity in naming for the entire family.

7. ELIZABETH AMES was born in 1843.

8. SLIAS H. AMES was born March 10, 1846 in Coshocton County, Ohio. He accompanied his parents to Iowa and there married Josephine Horton, born in 1851. Nine children were born to them. Silas, who died November 6, 1917, was living with the widowed mother (or she with him) in 1880, and the following is the family of Silas and Josephine.

a. SILAS NELSON AMES was born in 1868. He married three times and had children by the first two. The third wife was a widow. Death came in Fort Madison, Ia.

The first marriage was to Ella Abbott. Children were MARVIN AMES and HARRY NELSON AMES.

The second was to Hattie Watkins. Children born to them included RUSSEL AMES, FORREST AMES, JOSEPHINE AMES and OLIVER AMES.

b. AUGUSTUS "Gus" AMES was born in 1870. In census records he was named CHARLES AUGUSTUS AMES, but correspondence has since proved his name was Augustus A. Ames. He died at Fort Madison, Iowa on April 6, 1932.

c. GEORGE BYRON AMES was born in 1873. He lived at the age of 18 and died in 1891 in the home county.

d. ALBERT B. AMES was born October 26, 1874, and lived for years on a 204 acre farm five miles south of Nichols, Iowa. A few years ago he retired to Chicago, Ill., and has the farm rented to Woodrow Brenneman. His sister, Stella Gertrude Ames, cared for Albert's business affairs until her death in 1961.

e. STELLA GERTRUDE AMES was born December 31, 1879. In 1957 she was living part time in Los Angeles, Cal., and part time in Chicago, Ill., where she cared for Albert's business affairs. She has been the one who provided detail for this Silas H. Ames lineage. She died in 1961. A copy of AMES IS THE NAME was secured to help in determination of legal relatives to share in the estate, when some unexpected people showed up and laid claim to part of an inheritance.

f. CHARLES MARION AMES was born December 17, 1880. He died recently in Chicago, Ill., and was listed as Dr. Charles M. Ames by the county treasurer of Muscatine, Iowa, in a letter early in 1957. His wife was Rose Visosky. No children were born.

g. JOSEPHINE AMES lived only to the age of three years.

h. GROVER CLEVELAND AMES lived only one year.

i. LOUIS NAPOLEON AMES lived to be seven years of age.

Unverified Data on Possible Relatives

MARTIN AMES (sometimes spelled Mortain) was living near Nehemiah and Jabez in 1830 on census records. He was living near Nehemiah in 1820. He is recorded in history books of Washington County and of Bentleyville. In fact, he had an elderly lady living with him in 1830; this probably was his wife's mother. He was not listed in the 1840 census. The fact that Minerva is a daughter of Candius suggests Minerva as the name of Martin's wife. There was a "Minerva Ames," member of Pigeon Creek Baptist Church about 1830.

MARTIN was listed as a brother of ABSALOM and NEHEMIAH by Mary Tenney in a letter written in 1956. His given name also appears frequently in the JOHN AMES lineage, as reference to that section of

the book will reveal. The name was continuous in New York City from 1727 to 1816, one generation after another, spelled Aim and Ame.

In 1820, MARTIN EAMAS was over 26, wife under 26, another male under 26; one boy and one girl under 10. The same group was listed elsewhere as MARTIN EAMS. Census takers were paid so much per listing, so MARTIN did double duty for them. He MAY have moved from one place in the township to another in 1820.

In 1830, MARTIN AMES, was between 30 and 40, the other male was under 30, as was the wife. There was one daughter 10 to 15, a son and daughter between 5 and 10, and another son and daughter were under five.

It is impossible to determine whether MARTIN was the older or younger of these two men, but one was born about 1794, and the other between 1800 and 1804. This makes it likely that DORSEY P. AMES (born in 1802) who went to Iowa, was the younger man and puts MARTIN's birth at 1794—between Nehemiah and Absalom. This fits census records perfectly.

Dorsey is supposed to have moved away from the county too early to be listed here—in which case GEORGE—a brother still unidentified—would be born in 1794.

No MARTIN was listed in 1840 or 1850—but Michigan records include a MARTIN AMES; maybe that is where he went. MARTIN was born about 1794.

CANDIUS AMES was born in 1822 in Washington, County, Pa. He was married to Elizabeth, born in 1831 in Virginia. They were living in Somerset Township in 1870, having returned to Pennsylvania sometimes between 1861 and 1864. Candius died about 1873, leaving a will recorded in the probate court of Washington County. The writer believes Candius was the son of Martin Ames, listed next above. Children of Candius:

a. MARY E. AMES was born in 1852 in Virginia. She was listed in census records for 1880, still unmarried.

b. FREDERIC A. AMES was born in 1855 in Ohio. When he was about 16, he apprenticed himself to a carriage maker in Akron, Ohio, and left home for good. A few years later he appeared in Owensboro, Kentucky, in answer to an advertisement. Although his first job did not work out, he launched into business for himself, establishing the F. A. Ames Company (Makers of Fine Carriages), in 1887, when he was only 21 years old. From small beginnings the business grew until about 1910 to

1915 it was a real factor in the commercial life of Owensboro, employing several hundred people.

About that time Frederic suffered a complete nervous collapse and spent some time in the Battle Creek, Mich., sanitarium. Recovering, he returned to his business activities until about 1923—when the nervous trouble returned. He died in 1925, and a family by the name of Triplett took over the F. A. Ames Company.

Still operating under that name, in the same buildings where Frederic made his humble start in 1887, the Company now manufactures upholstered furniture.

Mr. Ames married Mary M. McMannon (born in 1863) and his widow died in 1933. No children had been born to them, but they raised a niece of his wife's as an adopted child. Her name was Marie, and she married R. S. Triplett, who is now president of the F. A. Ames Company. Frederic visited his old home in Washington County, Pa., occasionally, and corresponded infrequently with the Grant Ames family. A letter of his was found among the papers of Mrs. Grant Ames on her death in 1957, and led to a contact with Mr. Triplett. Without the discovery of that letter this account of Candius Ames' family would never have been written.

c. MINERVA AMES was born in 1861 in Virginia.

d. WILLIAM G. AMES was born in 1864 after the return to Pennsylvania. He followed Frederic to Owensboro, and died there in 1891.

WILLIAM AMES was one of the lesser known sons of Jabez and Elizabeth. Born in 1804, he married Margaret Bugher and settled in Somerset Township. In census records he is listed as having no children in 1830. However, in 1850 included in his family were several Bugher young people—Abraham, Samuel, William, John B. and Margaret, ranging in age from 16 to 22. This would indicate that Margaret was married before and these were her children, since the oldest was born in 1828 and the youngest in 1834. William, therefore, must have married twice also—having no children by the first wife. According to 1850 census records, the following were the children of William and

Margaret (who were probably married in 1834 or 1835.)

a. ELIZABETH M. AMES was born in 1835.

b. AMOS AMES was born in 1838 in Pennsylvania. He married a girl by the name of Wealthy, also from Penna., who was born in 1842. They were pioneer members of the Methodist Protestant Church at Nichols, Iowa in 1875. This Amos is known to be a cousin of SILAS H. AMES, listed on a previous page—and therefore is probably the son of William Ames, who was in Washington County, Pa. in 1850—but this cannot be proved. How he got to Iowa near to Dorsey's family, is not known as this is printed. Letters on this subject have not been answered by anyone in Muscatine County, Iowa. They had one son of record.

1. WILLIAM AMES was born in 1863.

c. EDITH AMES was born in 1843.

d. LETICIA AMES was born in 1845. There was a Leticia Ames in Iowa in 1870. Investigation is being carried on to determine the relationship to this one.

The Iowa Leticia was born in 1818 in Pennsylvania. Henry Ames (1840 in Illinois), Elizabeth Ames (1843 in Iowa), and Rufus Ames (1845 in Iowa), were living with her. Their residence was in Jackson County, Iowa.

e. HENRY D. AMES was born in 1846.

GEORGE AMES was one of the Jabez and Elizabeth sons. He was probably born between 1794 and 1800, and early in life is reported to have gone FAR WEST (probably to Iowa) where he married an Indian Squaw and lived on or near an Indian Reservation. He was known as Colonel George Ames among the Washington County Pioneers. Either George or his son George, returned to Washington County, and settled at Pancake (now Laboratory), where he died. He left his Iowa 80 acres to his widow AMANDA ROBINSON AMES,

and their infant son GEORGE AMES, in a will probated in 1871. George Junior was raised by the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson, and died not too many years ago in Washington, Pa. Amanda was married again, this time to James Bailey and lived in Centerville, Pa.

The story of a visit of Erastus Ames (of the John Ames lineage) to his Uncle George in Iowa is printed on page 103 as told by Erastus' son Charles Ames.

Several George Ames' served in the Civil War from Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Any one of them might be a descendant of George, Sr.

ELI AMES was another of the boys, also probably born before 1800. The only report available on him is that he DID live for a few years near Scenery Hill in a log cabin. An Eli Ames was living in Williams County near the descendants of James Ames (Nehemiah family), but proved to be from a JOHN AMES lineage which originated in Lancaster County, Penna.

JAMES AMES was supposed to be another boy, probably born near the year 1810. He is known to have gone to Ohio, but no trace of him had been found in 1956. He was married and living in Washington County, Pa., in 1830 and 1840, but had disappeared in 1850. There WAS an older James, not necessarily a son of Jabez, and this MUST be the one. He was too old to be James, son of Nehemiah, since the latter was married in October of 1840, too late to have the two daughters who lived with the one recorded by census takers. Further, every

member of Nehemiah's family born before 1840 (including one the age of James) can be accounted for in census tabulations.

The listing of SIDNEY AMES as a member of Pigeon Creek Baptist Church in 1830 indicates he was in this family some way. Look in the appendix for any knowledge that is gained. The name appears on no other records—must have been a son of MARTIN AMES.

The writer is working on other AMES families, about which very little of a definite nature can be learned; where possibility of relationship to the unit which is the topic of this book exists, that tie-up is suggested in the notes which follow:

ELISHA AIMES was living in Amwell Township in 1800, in Cross Creek Township in 1810, and in Green County, Pa. in 1820. He vanished in 1830. A remarkable thing about him is that his presence in census records coincides exactly with the disappearance of JABEZ and his disappearance with the return of our ancestor. The families were so nearly identical in size that if JABEZ AMES had changed his name to Elisha and moved in 1800, from Somerset Township (or vice versa), then traveled to Cross Creek in 1810, to Green County in 1820, and back to Somerset Township in 1830 (combining JAB-ez and ELISHa into the form JABISH (the way he signed his name in 1830) all confusion would disappear. There is, however, no actual proof that Elisha was even related to JABEZ (at least as of the Fall of 1956)

but members of our clan remember hearing their grandparents talk about OLD ELISHA AMES.

An Elisha Ames was in Michigan after 1850—maybe that was where this one went!

HENRY AIMES of Harrison County, Ohio, (near Cadiz Junction) seems extremely likely to be a close relative of JABEZ, maybe a brother or first cousin. Like Elisha Aimes, he had a family almost identical with that of our founder, as to ages, order, sex, and number of children. Henry's wife was Margaret, born in Philadelphia in 1772 and the name was first spelled EMES.

Henry Emes (this man or his father) served in the Revolutionary War from Harford County, Maryland. * Paul Emes, probably from the same family, served from York County, Pennsylvania, at the same time, and a Benjamin Emes was there later. Benjamin, Michael, and Cheney Ames also lived in that vicinity before 1800.

The story goes that HENRY and ELIJAH EMS, brothers, came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania, early in the 18th Century. Henry went to Maryland, and Elijah is said to have appeared in New York State. They were probably sons of JOHANN JURGEN EMS, of the River Ems, in Germany, whose descendants have big reunions every year in Berks County, Pa., using the spelling EMES. Valentine Emes was the pioneer near Reading for that lineage, and must have been a brother of HENRY AND ELIJAH.

If Elijah went to New York, he is sure to have been the founder of the, AIM, AIMS, and EAMES

* Ancient records of that county tell of a Benjamin Emmes, too,

lineage which settled in New York City about that time. Thus, he might be the ONLY AMES in the state to sire JABEZ in 1760. The fact that Jabez was a shoemaker—and that three shoemakers appeared within the New York City lineage by 1800 is circumstantial, but substantial, evidence of a connection between these families.

Children of Henry and Margaret include:

William, Phillip and another Ames were born between 1792 and 1810 (based on census records).

Samuel and George Ames were born between 1810 and 1820, as census records indicate.

Catherine Ames (Swigert), Elizabeth Ames (Cheney), Sarah Ames (Swigert), Anne Ames (Wolcott), and Mary Ann Ames (Davis) were born between 1794 and 1820. More definite information is not available.

Daniel Ames is recorded below. His lineage seems to have radiated from Green Co., Pa. and Ohio Co., W. Va., though there MAY have been two Daniel Ames men. However, both Daniels were married to MARY, both were born in Ohio, and the one who came to Pennsylvania had the same children who were youngest on the list of the Daniel living in Ohio. Records of the marriage of DANIEL AMES to Mary Thornburg in Ohio are dated at a time when the Daniel Ames who came back to Pennsylvania was a little over 10 years of age. This of course, could be an error in census recording—since the ages of the children are such as to indicate the Pennsylvania Daniel was really older than indicated on census records.

Henry Ames was born in 1821. He moved to Coshocton County, Ohio.

Elisha Ames was born in 1822 or 1823. He also moved to Central Ohio.

DANIEL AMES was born about 1815, in Jefferson County, Ohio, became a wagon maker and moved to Green County in the 1850s. In 1870 he was in Amwell Township, Washington County. His wife's name was MARY, and he was almost positively a son of HENRY AIMES of Harrison County, Ohio.

Children of Daniel and Mary include:

GEORGE AMES was born in 1841, and lived in Green County, Pa.

JOSEPH AMES was born in 1842, married Victoria and lived in Morgan Township, Green County. Charles Ames of the Mellon Bank in Washington, Pa., declared to the writer in 1955 that a Joseph and a Daniel were included in their ancestry. Children of Joseph and Victoria:

- a. George Ames, father of Charles and Cyril Ames.
- b. William Ames
- c. Charles Ames
- d. Anna Ames
- e. Nora Ames
- f. Pauline Ames

ELIZABETH E. AMES was born in 1846. She was probably the one living with the McDonough family in Pigeon Creek neighborhood at a later date.

ISAAC MANSON AMES was born in 1849. He was the only child still living with Daniel and Mary when they came to Amwell Township before 1870. He moved to West Virginia with his wife Cynthia.

In this line, later generations produced JOHN AMES of Richhill Township, Green Co., and GEORGE W. AMES, who married Katharine and lived near Waynesburg. (Maybe the George, son of Joseph above.)

Records indicate that JABEZ, ELISHA AND HENRY all had nine children between 1790 and 1810—and that each had six boys and three girls. Wives of all three were born between 1770 and 1772. All men were born before 1770, and after 1760.

But the clincher of identity comes in Daniel Ames. Daniel was son of Henry Ames. He moved to Green County, site of Elisha's disappearance. Then he moved to Washington County, locale of Jabez' family. It seems very likely that Henry, Elisha and Jabez were either brothers or cousins.

Elisha and Jabez MAY have been ONE and THE SAME.

JOHN AMES (born in 1807) moved from Lancaster County, Pa., to Wayne County, Ohio, near where Nehemiah Ames first settled. Later his son Nathaniel moved to Williams County and lived in the same Pulaski neighborhood as descendants of James Ames, son of Nehemiah. "Uncle Nate" as he was called, thought the two families were related, but couldn't prove it. Ancestor was probably JOHN AMES* recorded in the 1790 census as living in Lampateer Township of Lancaster Co., Pa. Incidentally, that JOHN was the only AMES using the modern spelling, living in Pennsylvania in 1790 when census takers made their rounds. A WILLIAM EAMES was recorded in 1810 census with a man JOHN, SR.'s age living with him. John, Sr., was born about 1750. William Eames, the son, was born between 1770 and 1780. It is almost certain that John Eames and Isabella Davis (married in Philadelphia in 1734) were ancestors of this lineage.

Children of JOHN AMES, JR., and wife Sarah Stouffer Ames, included:

1. Nathaniel Ames, lived in Pulaski, Ohio, married Elizabeth and had:

- a. Irvin Austin Ames, 1862.
- b. Eli Ames, 1865.
- c. William E. Ames, 1870.
- d. Oliver Charles Ames, 1873.

* The writer believes the elder John to be a brother of Jabez Ames, our ancestor. He may have been descended from the Henry and Elijah above referred to. The entire Lancaster and nearby Berks County, Pa., Ames clan descended from Capt. John Ames, who is believed to be the John recorded in the 1790 census. Whether he was from Johann Ems or from New England is uncertain.

2. Susannah Ames (Snyder), 1833, lived in Goshen, Indiana.

3. Davis Ames, 1835, moved to Macopin County, Ill., near the town of Girard, married Mary and had children:

- a. Leander Ames, 1858.
- b. Sarah Ames, 1861.
- c. Lydia Ames, 1865.
- d. Eli Ames, 1869.
- e. Elmer Ames, 1875.
- f. Della May Ames, 1879.

4. Lydia Ames (Ely), 1834, married a second time, (Spiker) and lived in Wayne County, Ohio before finally moving to Sylvania, Ohio.

5. Samuel Ames, 1842, lived all his life in Wayne County, Ohio, settling in Wooster. He was a contractor, having as one of his jobs, part of the erection of the experiment farm there. He married Martha and had:

- a. John Ames, Jr., 1874.

6. Isaac Ames 1843, may have been of this line. He married Rebecca and had Luella Ames in 1869; they were living in E. Union Twp., Wayne County, in 1880.

7. Eli Ames 1845, moved to Jefferson Township, Elkhart County, Indiana; married Julia and had one child of record: Orpha 1875.

Two or three other Ames lineages appeared in Iowa about the same time as Dorsey and Absalom went west. One of these included Cyreneus and Asa Ames. Names seem to indicate close relationship to the Jabez family. The origin of this family is well known and MAY prove the key to the genealogy of the Washington County group. Asa went west from Massachusetts and New York State; Cyreneus included Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois in his journey. Look for further details in the appendix or a later chapter.

Another is the Othniel Ames lineage from Vermont, Ohio, and Jackson County, Iowa. Still an-

other is the John Ames family of Tama County, Iowa, which came from Worcester County, Mass. via New York State. Descendants of an Oscar Simeon Ames are also being studied as are those of John Ames, city manager of Ames, Iowa. Incidentally, that city was named for Oakes Ames, one of the early railroad pioneers, not too closely related to either the city manager, or to the Jabez lineage.

There is a strong possibility that pioneer Ames families of Michigan were closely related to a Jabez ancestor.

The singing group "AMES BROTHERS" are not really Ames descendants. They were promoted by a journalist of Ames descent and they used HIS name in gratitude to him for his helpfulness.

SALEM AMES (of probate record in Washington Co., Pa.) is listed IMES, IAMS, and IAMES in census rolls. He probably was not an Ames at all.

He was in Iowa with his family about 1880.

XIII

The DeGarmos and McAfees

The reader is urged to refer to the appendix for further information concerning the daughters of Jabez and Elizabeth Ames. The material here printed was supplemented several times in the course of production for this book. More will arrive, no doubt, while further work is done in printing. Such will be printed, with reference to page number and paragraph in the last signature, and that includes the appendix.

Two other families (not of Ames name) who stemmed from Jabez and Elizabeth Smith Ames were those of two daughters, Hannah and Ann. Hannah married Jacob DeGarmo to produce one of the more prolific families in the line. However, they scattered so completely, that only a few of the children have lineages which are traceable in 1957.

Some of what is known is sketchy and may be inaccurate in some respects—other (particularly the descendants of HIRAM, WILLIAM and JOHN DEGARMO) will be found to be more complete, and certainly more accurate.

What is known of the DeGarmos will be given first, then the known facts about Washington County McAfees will be printed — although in September of 1957, absolute proof that these descended from Ann Ames McAfee was not forthcoming.

HANNAH AMES was born October 9, 1790, the first child of Jabez and Elizabeth Smith Ames. One authority states she was born BEFORE the parents came to Pennsylvania; another says posi-

tively that ALL of Jabez and Elizabeth's children were born in a log cabin in Somerset Township. 1880 census says she was born in Pennsylvania. Hannah married Jacob DeGarmo* (born July 11, 1785) and fourteen children were born to the couple. Hannah died at age 92, in 1882.

1. ELIZABETH DEGARMO was first child, apparently named for the grandmother. No other information has been gathered.

2. WILLIAM DEGARMO was born December 11, 1810 and on April 15, 1830 married Elizabeth Case, born 1809. Elizabeth died September 8, 1891 and William, February 28, 1893. Both lived to be 83 years of age, and are buried at Ginger Hill Cemetery in Washington County. William was a Mingo (near Finleyville, Pa.) wagon maker.

a. JULIA ANN DEGARMO was born to William and Elizabeth in 1831 and married Isaac Hartman. She died July 3, 1864, a few days after the birth of the only child, LIZZIE. Isaac remarried and the child was raised by relatives.

b. HANNAH DEGARMO was born to William and Elizabeth in 1832 and she married Thomas Lytle (born in 1828) of Nottingham Township. One of the descendants is reported to have been operating a trucking business in New York City a number of years ago.

1. WILLIAM C. LYTLE was born to Hannah and Thomas in 1853.

2. JOHN A. LYTLE was born in 1854.

3. MARTIN A. LYTLE was born in 1857.

4. EDWARD W. LYTLE was born in 1858.

* Jacob was descended directly from Paul DeGarmo who came from France. The locale of the family apparently was in New York State at first. Early records show Pittstown, Albany County, N. Y., as being the home of Jacob, John and Matthew DeGarmo, for they were married there between 1758 and 1764. By 1790 there were the following in New York State: Elias DeGarmo in Ulster County; Bartram, Jacob, Matthew, Peter, Rachel and Teris in Albany County. Albany County at that time included several areas that are now in other county governing units. Paul, father of Jacob, was living in Amwell Township of Washington County, Pa., in census records as late as 1820.

c. ELIZABETH DEGARMO was born in 1834, and married M. Hartley of Amwell Township.

1. WILLIAM HARTLEY was a son of Elizabeth and M. Hartley. His son Samuel Hartley, married Nann Rohrer, grandmother of Erastus Ames (see pages 102-103).

d. LUCINDA DEGARMO was born in 1836 and married Adam Ferguson of Somerset Township. They were parents of the wife of U. S. Grant Ames.

1. ELIZABETH FERGUSON was born to Lucinda and Adam in 1876. She married U. S. Grant Ames and died in 1957. (see page 99), It was a letter found among her papers which started the search in Owensboro, Ky., and finally led to unearthing of FREDERIC A. AMES—also of Jabez relationship. This is covered in detail in the chapter just before this one.

2. LAVINA JANE FERGUSON was born also to Lucinda and Adam, but she died in infancy.

e. MARIA DEGARMO was born to William and Elizabeth in 1838. She died in 1922 and was buried at Ginger Hill, apparently unmarried. She remained at or near the parental home all her life.

3. SARAH DEGARMO was third child of Jacob and Hannah.

4. HANNAH DEGARMO was her mother's namesake, but no other information has been gathered.

5. JOHN DEGARMO was born September 8, 1819. The family had apparently moved to Buffalo Township, Brooke County, Va., between 1810 and 1819—since John and all his children are listed in Census records as having been born in Virginia.* John's wife is listed in census records as being THENOR and PARTHENA—but family Bible records tell of John's marriage to PERTENA MOORE on February 21, 1839. It is therefore likely that "TENA" is a nickname for Pertena—and that ignorant census recorders thought it was

* The county became a part of West Virginia in 1863.

TABLE XIX

HANNAH AMES
10-9-1790—1882

married

JACOB DEGARMO
7-11-1785

Elizabeth DeGarmo

William DeGarmo
12-11-1810—2-28-1893
married 4-13-1830—
Elizabeth Case
1809—9-8-1891

Julia A. DeGarmo—1831
Hannah DeGarmo—1832
Elizabeth DeGarmo—1834
Lucinda DeGarmo—1836
Maria DeGarmo—1838

Sarah DeGarmo
Hannah DeGarmo

John DeGarmo
9-8-1819
married 2-21-1839—
Pertena Moore

Jerome DeGarmo—11-17-1841
John DeGarmo—12-3-1843
William J. DeGarmo—5-12-'45
Hannah DeGarmo—9-15-1846
Mary E. DeGarmo—5-7-1848
Amanda DeGarmo—3-29-1850
Margaret DeGarmo—2-1-1852
Sarah DeGarmo—2-11-1855
Wylie DeGarmo—11-18-1856
Ross DeGarmo—6-17-1859
Alonzo DeGarmo—5-17-1861

Martin S. DeGarmo
1820
married —————
Sarah

Sarah DeGarmo—1852
Mary DeGarmo—1854
John DeGarmo—1856
Rebecca DeGarmo—1858
Franklin DeGarmo—1862
Dell DeGarmo—1864
Isaac DeGarmo—1866

Mary DeGarmo
Absalom DeGarmo
Jacob J. DeGarmo
1826

married —————
Mary 1833
Maria Arabella
DeGarmo

Jabez G. DeGarmo

Hiram DeGarmo
1830
married —————
Caroline 1830

William DeGarmo—1850
Samuel DeGarmo—1852
Anson DeGarmo—1854
Lydia DeGarmo—1856

Jerome DeGarmo

Infant Son
Died unnamed

THENOR. There was a tendency in those days to include "r" and "l" sounds (as the "l" in chim'l'ey) where they didn't belong. Pertena is listed in census records as being only 16 at the time of her marriage. In the 1880 census they were living in Warren Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. Pertena died June 10, 1881 and John, Sept. 19, 1882.

a. JEROME DEGARMO was first son of John and Pertena, born November 17, 1841, He married Rachel (maiden name unknown) and lived in Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. Ira, Ella, John, Robert and Jesse, were their children.

b. JOHN DEGARMO was second son of John and Pertena. He was born December 3, 1843, and served in the Civil War. Death came in 1862 without John having ever married.

c. WILLIAM JAMES DEGARMO was born May 12, 1845. He like his brother, did not marry, but was in the Civil War—and died in 1863.

d. HANNAH DEGARMO was born September 15, 1846. She married Milton Davis and they had four children, two boys and two girls. Dessie, Robert, Virginia and Clayton.

e. MARY ELLEN DEGARMO was born May 7, 1848. She married Jacob Hermis.

f. AMANDA DEGARMO was born March 29, 1850. She married Frank Kelley, and they had the following children: Laura, John, George, Jerome and Rose Elizabeth Kelley (who now lives in Toledo, Ohio, and was orphaned at the age of three).

g. MARGARET DEGARMO was born February 1, 1852. She married George Deuley. Six children were born.

1. Harvey Deuley now lives at Parkersburg, W. Va.

2. Pearl Deuley married a man by the name of Stokes and now lives at Follansbee, W. Va.

3. Carrie Deuley married a man by the name of Lauck, and lives in Wellsburg, W. Va.

4, 5, 6. Ada, John and Charles are deceased.

h. SARAH JANE DEGARMO was born February 11, 1855. She married Oscar Bell, and they have three living children.

1. William Bell now lives at Wellsburg, W. Va.
2. Henry Bell also lives at Wellsburg.
3. Robert Bell now lives at Steubenville, Ohio.
- 4, 5, 6, 7. Isa, Dora, Margaret and Ola are deceased.

i. WYLIE DEGARMO was born November 18, 1856. He married Sarah Davis, (born May 6, 1860) on September 8, 1878, and they had nine children.

1. CLIFFORD DEGARMO is now deceased.

2. MINERVA DEGARMO was born March 7, 1881. On June 5, 1907 she married Nathaniel C. Churchman (born September 22, 1883). She lives on a rural route out of Wellsburg, W. Va., and has been the writer's principal source of information on the DeGarmo family. One son Edwin C. Churchman was born. Mr. Churchman died April 19, 1941.

It is interesting that first contact was made with her as a result of a chance meeting (in Ohio) with a neighbor of hers, who gave the writer the address. That neighbor, Mrs. Bertha Chambers, was visiting on a farm near Bethesda, Ohio, while the writer was spending a week-end less than a mile away.

3. LEROY DEGARMO married Mary Hedington. They had two sons, and live at Wellsburg, W. Va.

- a. John Wylie Degarmo is now deceased.

- b. Russel DeGarmo lives at Kents Hills, Maine.

4. MINNIE MYRTLE DEGARMO married Henry McKinley. Both are now deceased, and no children survive.

5. JESSE EARL DEGARMO married Marie Silver, and lives at Wellsburg.

6. CARRIE ELDA DEGARMO married George Scott. She is deceased, but one daughter survives.

- a. Virginia Scott was daughter of Carrie and George Scott.

7. WILFRED DEGARMO married Margaret Pettebon, and they live at Wellsburg with one daughter.

- a. Pearl Mae DeGarmo is daughter of Wilfred and Margaret.

8. CARL R. DEGARMO is one of twins, and married Virginia Gooch. He is deceased, one daughter surviving.

- a. Joan DeGarmo is daughter of Carl and Virginia.

9. CHARLES R. DEGARMO married Viola Murphy. He is twin of Carl—no children were born. He lives in Wellsburg.

j. ROSS DEGARMO was born June 17, 1859. He married a girl by the name of Annie and moved to Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, near his brother, Jerome.

1. A daughter, FLORENCE DEGARMO was born in 1879.

2. A son, ROSS JR., is deceased.

3. Another daughter, PEARLE DEGARMO married a man by the name of Degarmo, but relationship between the lineages has not been established.

k. ALONZO DEGARMO was born May 17, 1861, the last of the children in this large family. He moved to Empire, Ohio. One of his sons was Alonzo Degarmo of Empire, who died in January of 1955.

6. MARTIN SMITH DEGARMO was next son, born in 1820. The name apparently is in honor of ancestors, since MARTIN AMES lived in Bentleyville, and Jabez' wife was Elizabeth Smith Ames. In 1870 he was living in Triadelphia, West Virginia with his wife Sarah. Children at that time included.

a. SARAH DEGARMO was born in 1852.

b. MARY DEGARMO was born in 1854.

c. JOHN DEGARMO was born in 1856.

d. REBECCA DEGARMO was born in 1858, and is well remembered as Aunt "Becky" by many now living.

e. FRANKLIN DEGARMO was born in 1862.

f. DELL DEGARMO was born in 1864.

g. ISAAC DEGARMO was born in 1866.

h. EDWARD DEGARMO was born in 1868.

7. MARY DEGARMO was next child of Hannah and Jacob, born in 1821.

8. ABSALOM DEGARMO is another child about whom no information can be gathered, probably born about 1824.

9. JACOB JOHNSON DEGARMO was another son, born about 1826. In 1870 he was living in

Liberty Township, Ohio County, West Virginia with his wife Mary. She was born in 1833.

10. MARIA ARABELLA DEGARMO was a daughter who is remembered vaguely by some living Ames descendants as AUNT BELL; she was born in 1826 or 1827.

11. JABEZ GIFFORD DEGARMO was a son who carried his grandfather Ames' name into another generation. Birth was probably in 1828 or 1829. The Gifford name is thought to be for a family which apparently married into the Ames lineage—for it coexisted with the DeGarmos and Ames' in New York State in early history.

12. HIRAM DEGARMO was born in 1830 in Virginia. He is seventh child younger than JOHN and born only 11 years later, and from this, the approximate figures of birth for those between have been derived. He married Caroline (last name unknown) also born in 1830, and lived in Somerset Township in 1860, at which time the following children were listed in census records. He was buried in Ginger Hill Cemetery. The old DEGARMO home still stands near the church and cemetery herein referred to.

a. WILLIAM DEGARMO was born in 1850. He married Martha J.

1. LENORA DEGARMO was born in 1887.

2. GERTRUDE DEGARMO was born in 1889.

b. SAMUEL DEGARMO was born in 1852.

c. ANSON DEGARMO was born in 1854.

d. LYDIA DEGARMO was born in 1856.

13. JEROME DEGARMO was born to Jacob and Elizabeth, according to some records. He may have been listed by error, since only one Jerome (oldest

child of JOHN) is known to have lived. This first one may have died young, however.

14. An infant son who died early was last child in this family.

Information in old records also tells of the fact that JABEZ AMES, sire of this entire lineage, parts one and two, adopted ARTHEMOR DEGARMO in 1830. It was understood that he was to teach the lad the art of shoe-making as a consideration of the adoption. Ancestry of Arthemor is unknown—but the name appears frequently in the Washington County Ames family, as previous chapters have shown.

Numerous other DeGarmos appear in census records in Washington and Green Counties, but their relationships to the basic family which had Hannah Ames as ancestor cannot be proved. They probably are brothers, sisters and uncle of Jacob.

Paul DeGarmo was in Amwell Township in 1810. (This man, over 45 at the time, was probably father of Jacob). He was still living in 1820, and five children were living at home.

Michael DeGarmo was in Strabane Township at the same time.

Rachel DeGarmo was also in Strabane Township in 1810, with three children.

John DeGarmo was in Center Township in 1810.

Ezra DeGarmo was in Center Township, Greene County in 1820.

Hezekiah DeGarmo was in Brooke County, Virginia in 1850 with his wife Hannah and children, Thomas, Ann and Virginia. He was born in 1800 and thus was not a descendant of Hannah and Jacob.

ANN AMES was born to Jabez and Elizabeth, probably about 1800—since two daughters were recorded in the 1800 census. Identity of the one who was between 10 and 16 is established as Hannah Ames DeGarmo, so Ann must have been

the younger one (less than five). Ann married a man by the name of McAfee (but the spelling in early records was so variable that McFee, Fee, McPhee were often used interchangeably). Therefore the Mrs. McFee who lived next door to Jabez and Elizabeth in Somerset Township in 1820 with an older son, was probably the widowed mother of Ann's husband. Since the son was a shoemaker, Jabez probably learned the shoemaking business from him (or he from Jabez). There was also a John Fee living in Chartiers Township in 1850. Born in 1807, he might have been Ann's brother-in-law.

The first record of McAfees in Washington County is in Amwell Township, and it is probable that these were all related to the family which married into the Ames lineage. No positive information, however, has been gathered on Ann's husband—not even his name.

The original McAfee was JAMES, who came from Ireland and settled in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. His family's revolutionary service records from that locality are many. His children included:

JAMES McAFEE 1736, JOHN 1737, MALCOLM 1739, GEORGE 1740, MARY 1743, ROBERT 1745, MARGARET 1746. Also a SAMUEL and a WILLIAM, were born to the elder JAMES.

Most of the descendants moved to Kentucky, where they were pioneers in the settlement of that state—others were found in Missouri and South Carolina. One of the men, JOHN McAFEE, born in 1779, (probably the son of James 1736)



ANNA AMES McAFEE—1800-1875

settled in Westmoreland County, Pa., where he married Mary Thompson in 1806.

A discovery that delayed the publication of this book by several months was the unexpected appearance of the names GIFFORD and DORSEY as McAFEEs in census records for 1880 in Anderson County, Kansas. Search was really being made for children of Josiah Absalom, son of Jabish G. Ames—but the McAfee names were the first to bear promise of being descended from ANNA AMES McAFEE—at the time almost anonymous to the writer.

Early contact with officials at the county seat led to the opening of correspondence with three descendants of GIFFORD, in Kansas, Utah, and California. Census records of Guernsey County, Ohio and of Anderson County, Kansas, provided additional detail.

In August, 1958, positive proof that the mother of this clan was actually ANNA AMES, daughter of JABEZ, was found in the census records.* The names Gifford, Dorsey, Margaret, Bell and Jennie already provided much circumstantial evidence of that fact.

Apparently ANNA AMES, born September 5, 1800 in Washington County, Pa., married FRANCIS McAFEE about 1818. By 1820 they were living in Nottingham Township, Washington County, Pa., and the 1830 census gave the approximate ages of the children so the arrangement of the table is possible. All that is positively known is the fact that Gifford was sixth, that a boy was born about 1820, and Gifford's exact birthdate.

Francis,** the father, died about 1835—for Gifford (1829) was left fatherless at the age of six. 1840 census records show ANNA A. McAFEE

*FRANCIS McAFEE was in Centre Twp., Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1830 with one boy and one girl under five; three boys and one girl between five and ten; and parents listed as about thirty.

In 1840, ANNA A. McAFEE was at Middletown, Oxford Twp., same County—one son under 10; two boys and one girl between ten and fifteen; one boy and one girl between 15 and 20. Only the female parent was listed—forty years of age. Knowing that DORSEY and GIFFORD were born in Guernsey County, and that ANNA AMES married a McAfee and moved to Guernsey—no other identification is needed to establish identity. It must be remembered that DORSEY and ABSALOM AMES—brothers of ANNA—settled in Guernsey at the same time before going farther west.

**By the laws used in naming children at that time, FRANCIS' father should have been named JOHN or THOMAS McAFEE.

Table XIXA—Anna McAfee's Family

ANNA AMES	married	FRANCIS McAFEE
9-5-1800		1800

John McAfee—1819
 married—11-21-1848
 Nancy Bale

Ellen McAfee—1821
 married—1-3-1847
 Thomas C. Palmer*

Dorsey McAfee—1823 married—5-7-1848 ————— Emilene Jump	Bell McAfee—1861 Emma McAfee—1865 George McAfee—1869
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Thomas McAfee—1825
 married—11-23-1846
 Nancy Masters

Margaret McAfee—1827
 married—4-6-1856
 John A. Palmer

Gifford McAfee—3-4-1829 married—11-10-1860 ————— Ruth Refft—1839	John Q. McAfee—1862 Geo. T. McAfee—1865 Hattie McAfee—1868 Jennie McAfee—1871 Evangeline McAfee—1874 Ella McAfee—1874
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Archibald McAfee—1831
 married—1-14-1856
 Rebecca Runtz

Ann L. McAfee—1833
 married—10-2-1858
 Thomas Tolsaacs

FRANCIS McAFEE died in 1835
 ANNA AMES McAFEE died 10-13-1875

*A THOMAS PALMER was in Wills Twp., Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1850. His children (Miranda and John H.) were born in 1848 and 1850—just right to be first in THIS family. The wife, however, is MARIAH (same age as Ellen). The variation in name does not rule out the possibility it was the same family—many men gave their wives “pet nicknames” which superseded those given by the parents. Many court records have been confused by just such name changes.

as head of the family previously recorded as belonging to Francis. The family scattered rapidly after that, with only Gifford in the county in 1850. Gifford went to New York City, back to Ohio, and then to California—from which point he went on to Colorado and Kansas. He married Ruth Ann Tefft in 1860. The first three children were born in Blackhawk, Gilpin County, Colorado, and the last four in Kansas, where Gifford died May 7, 1899, aged 70.

Ruth Ann Tefft McAfee, Gifford's widow, died January 7, 1919, in Los Angeles, Calif. Born in 1839, she was 80 at the time of her demise.

GIFFORD, in talking to census enumerators in 1880, said both his parents were born in Pennsylvania. This is in sharp contrast to Dorsey's statement—which avers the father was born in Ireland and the mother in Connecticut. Such statements as this help the writer establish backgrounds for both families—that the AMES clan was in Connecticut and the McAfees were in Ireland before going to Pennsylvania.

Although only two of the McAfee sons settled in Anderson County, Kansas, DORSEY and GIFFORD—their descendants became quite prominent in construction work around Garnett, the county seat, and in music circles. Newspaper clippings assembled in a chronological history of the county are filled with activities of the McAfee's. From this source, together with census records and statements by living descendants, the following can be said about these men.

DORSEY McAFEE was the less prominent of the two. The widow, Emilene Jump McAfee died March 26, 1909 at the age of 84 in Garnett. The notation was made that she had lived since 1860 in the county, and that her husband had been dead for many years.

Nothing has been learned, in spite of diligent search, about the fate of BELL and EMMA, their only two daughters, born in 1861 and 1865 respectively. GEORGE,

born in 1869, became a conductor on the Missouri-Pacific Railway. He died September 3, 1931 at the age of 62 years, and was living at Coffeyville, Kansas, at the time.

GIFFORD McAFEE, himself, was prominent as a pioneer in the county, settling there in 1869, and remaining there until his death. The house built by GIFFORD (a fine stone residence) was completed May 7, 1787—located one-half mile west of the city limits of Garnett, on Fourth Avenue.

Gifford's six children were not prolific, so the number of grandchildren does not compare favorably with those in Nehemiah, John, Hannah, or Absalcm's families. John Quincy, the first, had no children; the same fate befell Eva and Cora Ellen, the two youngest. George Thomas McAfee seems to have had only two sons—one of whom was Harry Gifford—the cther Walter Thomas. A grandson, Wayne Gilbert McAfee, born in 1918, has helped considerably with the detail on the McAfee family. His wife, Virginia McAtee McAfee, was from West Virginia, and probably came from the McAfee clan which pioneered in Kentucky. Many changes of greater import than the making of an "f" into a "t" were made by early writers.

There was a Benjamin McAtee (born in 1789) in Ohio near the McAfee home in 1860. He was a Virginia state native (which included W. Va. at his birth) and may have been a relative in Wayne's wife's family.

Jennie Augusta was living in California in 1958 and the writer has been in communication with her, getting some information to supplement that from other sources. The widow of John Q. McAfee, (Nora) aged over 90, prepared the bulk of the information revealed in the McAfee chart, including birth and death dates of the mother, death of the father, and the names of the eight children—with what data we have on them.

JOHN Q. McAFEE, oldest child of Gifford and Ruth, was born January 7, 1862 in Colorado State. During the Christmas season of 1883, he married Nora Wyatt and they continued to live together long enough to celebrate their golden wedding on December 20, 1933. He and his brother George were in the contracting and building business together. In 1884 they built the Fourth Avenue Hotel and other McAfee exploits included the Methodist Church, dedicated in 1912.

As early as 1892 John Quincy was in the Garnett orchestra, and in 1904 he was on a committee for the drill-

ing of oil on 10,000 selected acres of land. An ice plant was inaugurated by him (possibly in collaboration with George) in 1910. It produced 10 tons of ice a day for the community. In 1914, John was directed by the court to turn the city light plant over to the town—apparently he operated it himself (or had constructed it and this was a routine memo on city acceptance of his product.)

The history of the McAfee furniture factory is quite notable. Just when erected is not known, but it was expanded to provide greater production in the Spring of 1907. On July 5, 1912, one of the worst fires in Garnett's history destroyed the greater part of the institution. Three people were killed in fighting the fire—and John himself was injured while helping firemen. Two years later, in the spring of 1914, the new factory was all complete, but apparently it did not prosper as its predecessor had done—for on October 30, 1919 it was sold to the Church Furniture Company.

John Quincy McAfee died September 10, 1944 without having any children, but his widow, Nora Wyatt McAfee lived until the Christmas season of 1958—at which time she died aged about 95 (born in 1863).

GEORGE T. McAFEE was born January 25, 1865, and married Jennie Thompson. He stayed near the Garnett, Kansas, area, and associated with his older brother, as indicated above. Many of the notations there listed apply to George as a partner (though John Q. seems to have been the president or leader). George died December 21, 1939 and Jennie October 12, 1955.

Two sons were born to George and Jennie—WALTER and HARRY. Little is known about Walter, but Harry was born about 1888 and married Nona Beach on December 8, 1911. Harry and Walter were a part of the Knights of Pythias chorus which sang as an amateur group in 1914.

Walter married Julia Stafford, and remained in the Garnett area for many years. Children included Gifford Roy, Wilbur Thompson and Ethel May.

Harry and his wife settled south of Garnett first, but on October 27, 1927, three barns were destroyed on their farm. Apparently he moved after this tragedy, but bad luck followed him. His house, west of Garnett, was destroyed by fire on December 1, 1932. Harry was still living in June 1958.

One child is known to have been born to Harry and Nona—WAYNE GILBERT McAFEE, in 1918. He married Virginia MaAtee and lived for a time in California, then at Blanding, Utah—and in 1961 was residing in Texas.

HATTIE MAY McAFEE was born April 20, 1868 and married William Smith. Three sons were born, according to reliable information—but names are not available to the writer. She died November 10, 1921.

JENNIE AUGUSTA McAFEE was born in 1871 and married Charles W. Friedly on February 14, 1894. She was living in Pomona, Cal., in 1958, and has corresponded with the writer about this family history. One son, Verne, was born.

EVANGELINE and ELLA McAFEE were twin girls born March 24, 1872. Evangeline died the same day—but Ella lived until March 22, 1944. She married John Tefft.

CORA ELLEN McAFEE was the youngest, born in 1876. She married Henry Clinesmith on December 25, 1899. It is understood there were no children born to them.

The family known as McAFEE originated as the McFIE Scottish clan, and it was at first spelled “Mac Duibhsithe.” The ancient locale was Scotland, on Colonsay Island, west of the country itself, near the entrance to the Firth of Lorn—about 75 miles north of the Irish Island. The name was variously spelled by different emigrants from Colonsay—McAFEE, McFEE, MAHAFEE, McPHEE, McDUFFEY, and even DUFFEY.

The first known to spell it McAFEE was one by the name of JOHN in the early 1600s. John McAfee, Jr., was born in 1673 (the year the group migrated south to Antrim County, Ireland). There were four sons born to the younger JOHN—JOHN III, JAMES, MALCOLM and WILLIAM. One of these was the JAMES McAFEE born in 1707 who came to Lancaster County, Pa. in 1739, went to South Carolina in 1752, and to Augusta County, Virginia, by 1755.* From there this unit went into Kentucky to be pioneers in the settlement of that state.

Another JAMES McAFEE came from one of the other lines and settled in Franklin County, Pa., and was confused by early genealogists with the Lancaster County man.

*AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA., embraced much of what later became WEST VIRGINIA, so this McAFEE group probably produced the McATEE family from which came VIRGINIA McATEE McAFEE. (See page 178b)

An Archibald McAfee (born in 1747) came from Banffshire, Scotland, in 1774 to Philadelphia and moved almost immediately to Franklin County, Pa. His name was listed as McFee on immigration papers, but most Pennsylvania records spell it McAfee. "Erchabald" McFee is one of the variations found on Revolutionary War records of Lancaster County, Pa. New Hampshire records show the service of this ARCHIBALD as a private.

The settlement in Franklin County seems to tie him in with *that* JAMES McAFEE—and the inclusion of ARCHIE as a son in FRANCIS and ANNA's family seems to make him an ancestor of the McAFEE group referred to as having married into the AMES family.

Since the writing of this McAfee chapter, further research has been carried on, and new information has been found. One such discovery was made in a scattered group of McFees and McAfees, all born in Ohio, Indiana and Kansas, who were in census records for Northeastern Kansas in 1880.* Another study was less productive—ending where it began with JOHN McAFEE (residence in Wisconsin, Civil War Service in an Illinois Regiment). The McAfee who originated NO-NOX gasoline at Corsicana, Texas, has been studied, and seems to have come from the Kentucky JAMES group.

Letters have been sent to several McAfees whose residence is near Los Angeles, Calif. They moved there AFTER 1880 census records and 1900 directories were printed—but before 1910 and 1920 editions of directories were issued.

Because many of Anna and Francis' family are known to have gone to the coast—this search was launched with great anticipation. However, not a single lineage which could be traced to Francis and Anna could be found—the ones contacted traced their own genealogy to a Scottish group who went to Scotland from Colonsay Island, and from there to Canada. Eventually some of them migrated to California.

*In South Reeder Township, Anderson County, Kansas, in 1880: JOHN McAFEE, born in Kansas in 1841; LEM McAFEE, born in Ohio in 1856; AMBROSE McAFEE, born in Ohio in 1865; and also FRANKLIN McAFEE, born in Ohio in 1868.

In Putnam Township, same county and year: JOHN McFEE, born in Ohio in 1853; ANGELINE McFEE, born in Ohio in 1854; OAKLEY McFEE, born in Ohio in 1876 and MAGGIE McFEE, born in Indiana in 1878.

Other groups were found to originate in ancestors who came over late in the 1800s—some from Scotland, some from Ireland. A most confusing group of MAHAFFEYS in Guernsey County, Ohio, nearly threw the entire search into a tailspin—but no direct connection could be established.

A sizeable group was located in West Virginia—descended from other Washington County McAfees. From the same probable source is the unit which showed in census records of Athens County, Ohio.* The name GILBERT in the lineage suggests Washington County.

Another group of McAfees with entire ancestry in Scotland and New York State, has been found in the southern section of the Empire State. Although one of them even used the name GIFFORD, no connection was evident with the group allied to the Ames family.

Closely related to FRANCIS in some way are the many McAfees of Washington County, Pa.:

HENRY McAFEE was in Chartiers Twp in 1800—born before 1755, with four sons and two daughters.

Living nearby was GILBERT McAFEE, born about the year 1770. He had three sons.

HENRY McAFEE, born in 1784, was probably son of the Henry above and brother of Gilbert. He became a Justice of the Peace in Cannonsburg by 1860 and his wife was Elizabeth.

MATTHEW McAFEE was born about 1800 and his wife was Mary. Known sons include JACOB, 1828, and JOHN, 1832. Both gave Matthew numerous grandchildren.

SYBIL AMES is the name of JABEZ' third daughter—but nothing is known about her. She is listed in the census as a daughter born about 1810. Mary Tenney named her as the youngest of the children in the family in her correspondence with the writer. Census records in 1850 do not record any SYBIL AMES or with any other family name. The name SYBIL was used by AMES families in Connecticut early in the 1700s.

*The Athens County, Ohio, group started in Troy Township with brothers JOHN D. McAFEE, 1821; SAMUEL McAFEE, 1824; P. J. McAFEE, 1828; and MARK McAFEE, 1834; (this last being in Rome Township). JOHN, the oldest, was born the same year as the son of FRANCIS and ANNA by that name—but his wife was Eliza Jane. They had three sons (Mark, David and Harvey) before John (of Francis and Anna) married Nancy Bale. All in the clan are certainly close cousins to Francis and his descendants.

**FOUR OF THE
JOHN C. AMES
CHILDREN**

(See also facing pages
i and 49)

Winfield Scott Ames
1873-1959
(See page 60)



Standing

"Dollie" Ames Warfield
(left) 1877-1956
(See page 61)

Jeannette Ames Limpert
(right) 1868-1928
(See page 57)

Seated

Cary R. Ames Moore
1881-1925
(See page 62)

PART III

**EUROPEAN
BACKGROUND
OF THE
AMES FAMILY**

500 YEARS

1300—1800

Table XX. Origin of the Name Ames

Amos Amoss Amiss	Heismes Eismes	Elms Elmes Ellmes	Ems Eams	Emma Emmas Emms	Jeames
Hamois Amois				Aimee Aimees	Eyams Iames
Ami Ame	Amys Amyas	Ems Emes			
Amis 	Amyce 	Eames 			
AMES					

XIV

What's In a Name?

One of the first questions that comes to mind in the tracing of ancestry is, "How did our name come to be what it is?" The answer to that question might fill an entire book if the subject were covered in detail. No matter how diligent the effort, it is not possible to trace one's ancestors back through an unbroken line to some patriarch of ancient history simply by following the lineage revealed through a family name.

The adoption of surnames has been accomplished through a gradual process, beginning in pre-historic times. For thousands of years, a single title was sufficient, such as "John" or "Mary." The growth in population and the confusion arising when a dozen had the same name resulted in the first double names of which we have any record.

At first it was sufficient to simply say, "Frank, the Strong," "Frank, the Small," "Frank, the Wise." However, when two "Frank, the Strong" men lived in the same community some further means of identification became necessary, so one of them with powerful arms would be identified as "Frank, the Armstrong."

Along with this system, another arose which involved the use of a father's name for the children. This made it possible to easily identify "Frank, Son of John" from "Frank, Son of Thomas." The passage of time brought about the elimination of the "son of" designation in many cases, but its retention was the usual thing. This was usually done by the possessive, "Richard's Frank," which eventually became "Frank Richards." In other cases "Frank, Richard's son." or "Frank Richardson."

A variation of this appears in Scotch names, such as "Frank MacDougald," the Irish "Frank O'Neill," or

the Norman "Frank Fitzpatrick." It is a matter of common knowledge that "Mac," "O," and "Fitz," simply mean "son of."

The father's name was usually used, but in some cases a prominent mother, or a widow, would have children identified by HER name. So great was prejudice against this practice, however, that few of these have persisted through the years so as to be recognizable today. Most of them have changed radically to a more "masculine" expression. The words AMYAS and AMYCE (in our own lineage as variations of AMY'S) are fine examples of this.

Occupation, personality traits, and places of residence were adopted by many as a further means of identification. Thus, "Frank, the Smith," "John, the Greatheart," and "Charles of the Lane," might all be brothers, and living in the same town.

The place of residence included the type of house, as "Greathouse," the part of town, as "Broadstreet," or the city of birth, as "London."

When allowance is made for the frequent misspellings brought on by comparative illiteracy and the world's many languages, almost every name can be accounted for by applying the principles here outlined.

It must be remembered, however, that these names were not used for hereditary identification as at present until about a thousand years ago. The sons of "Frank, the Strong," might be "Frank, the Wise," "Charles of the Lane," and "William, the Parson."

For about four hundred years progress was made with every generation in the adopting of hereditary names. This was so successful in identification that in the fifteenth century an English law was passed compelling the people to adopt SOME surname, based on characteristic, father's name, birthplace, or the like—and retain it henceforth and forever through all generations.

It was in this period between the year 1,000 and 1456 A.D. that the roots of the name "Ames" as we know it today began to grow. No simple explanation, however,

can be given. The formation of our family name has a complex origin.

The name itself originated in England in the twelfth and thirteenth century, with the "AMYS" becoming "AMYAS" or "AMYCE" as generations succeeded each other. As "Son of Amy" this simple beginning is understandable enough.

About two hundred years passed before anyone adopted AMES as the spelling, and this was only one of several brothers in an AMYAS family. The many changes brought about in the name were caused by an amalgamation with other surnames which resembled it closely.

As was the case with most family names in England, these changes were largely brought in from the Western shores of continental Europe.

People from northern Flanders (now Belgium) were distinguished by such names as "Frank of Hamois," and some from Normandy brought along the title, "Henry of Heismes (sometimes spelled Hexmes)," others from France proper who were particularly friendly became known as "Pierre and Emilie, the Amies," which is a combination of masculine and feminine "Ami" and "Ame" (meaning friendly) into one plural word. Germans from the river Ems (pronounced AMZ) also moved in to join the confusion.

To these were added son of Aimee as "Aimee's", son of Emma as "Emma's," proponent of truth as "Emes," (Hebrew) and even "of the Elms" which became Ellmes and finally Eames.

From Scotland came "Son of James, spelled JEAMES." Some of these people were related to the Scottish family which produced JAMES I, King of England.

If one wonders how these variations could simplify into AMES, he needs only compare Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" with the English Language as it is used today, to see the same process at work.

The Eames group used a double capital EA at first—then some dropped the E, others dropped the A, and some merely changed the capital "A" to a small letter "a",

Through the reigns of British Kings from Edward I to Henry VIII many variations appeared. The close resemblance between the written "H" and "A" soon brought about the disappearance of the almost silent "H" in Heismes and Hamois. Poor spelling and bad writing cared for the rest of the changes.

As English History entered the Elizabethan period, the Hamois, Heismes, Hexmes, Amyas, Amys, Amyes, Aymes, Amyce, Amies, Aimes, Emmas, Eyams and JEAmes were slowly merging into three forms, AMES, EMES, and EAMES. It has been in the melting pot of human experience that the last 700 years has succeeded in blending all these raw metals of thought into the word-alloy known as the name "AMES".

The arrival in Philadelphia of JOHANN GEORGE EMBS from Germany in 1741 started another line which changed spellings many times—finally producing members of the AMES fraternity. At least a dozen variations have appeared in Pennsylvania. They were positively German as distinguished from the English lineages of New England.

One of the spellings adopted by these Germans from Philadelphia was AMER, another was EMMOR. Each of these had variations. A few people who use the name EMERSON actually were sons of AMER, then of EMMER, then EMMERSON and EMERSON. Some of them are positively descended from JOHANN GEORGE EMS of Philadelphia. Others existed in New England before that. The many AMMERMAN families of early New Jersey, had a common origin with these people in the word AMER or AMMER.

The "Haymes" and "Emmes" families of this country are definitely related to the AMES, and SOME who spelled it ELLMES became EAMES families in Massachusetts with the two "ls" being confused with a badly written "a."

Two other names have become confused with AMES. One of these, IIAMS (also spelled Iams and Ijams) originated in the Celtic word EYAMS, meaning JAMES (or son of James). This may be of an origin similar to the

JEAMES lineage mentioned above. These were WELCH, as contrasted with Scotch JEAMES however. Where the AIMES spelling was used in the same locality with these people, some of each family have eventually become confused with the other. One of the Iiams families in Washington County is said to have used the Aimes spelling for a few years when John Ames (son of Jabez) was at his peak of wealth and influence—just for the prestige, according to report.

The other is AMOS, meaning, of course, "Son of AMOS." Unrelated genealogically to AMES, there has been a considerable confusion because of spelling and letter formations. Particularly HUGH EAMES of Boston, who became HUGH AMOS of Preston, Connecticut, gives difficulty. A lake there is named AMOS for his descendants—but by the third generation another HUGH appeared, using the spelling A-M-E-S. It has not been changed since then. There was a MORDECAI AMOS of Harrison County, Ohio, who was definitely of the AMOS family of Washington County, Pa., and of Harford County, Maryland—but his death and burial is as MORDECAI AMES.

Basically, the Irish used AIMES, the Welsh wrote it EYAMS, IAMS, IJAMS, and AMIES; the English used EAMES, AMYAS, and AMES; while the French and the Belgians used HAMOIS, EXMES, or HEISMES; Holland Dutch called it EMMONS or EMMANS, the Germans shortened it to EMS. The Scotch and Scotch Irish used either AMES or AIMES.

There are even a few in America who use the original AMYAS, and one New England family had a son AMYAS AMES.

What's in a name? There's a lot of evolution, a lot of error, a lot of sentiment, a lot of identification—but very little REAL MEANING. A man who is named EMERSON may be closer related genealogically to a man by the name of AMES than another who actually spells it A-M-E-S.

The first positive ancestors of the AMES lineage that can be identified in England were the progenitors of all the families in Norfolk, Suffolk, Kent, Lincoln and Somerset Counties. Three groups are recorded, but a surprisingly small amount is known about any of them.

A. 1. JOHN AMYAS was living in Nether Shelelyngton England, during the reign of Edward I—which means between 1272 and 1307. This is the only family which can be traced through the heir (oldest son) for 10 generations down to the time of American settlement. The American colonists were probably descended from some younger brothers in these families.

2. JOHN AMYAS lived in Edward III's reign—1327 to 1377. He was son of the older John.

3. JOHN AMYAS was recorded as living during Henry IV's reign—1399 to 1413. He was third generation of that line.

4. THOMAS AMYAS, who lived during the reign of Henry V—1413 to 1422, was first heir to break from the name JOHN.

5. ROGER AMYAS, who died in 1500, was son of Thomas.

6. PERCIVAL AMYAS, dying in 1505, was the sixth generation of the elder JOHN AMYAS' family.

7. JOHN AMYAS was son of PERCIVAL, and returned to the ancient ancestor's first name. He married Marian Fleming.

8. ROGER AMYAS, next generation heir, lived during Henry VIII's reign—1509 to 1547. He is thought to be the ROGER AMYCE who died April 6, 1573 and who was a prominent surveyor in Essex or Somerset County.

9. ROBERT AMYAS was son of ROGER. He is thought to have had a brother, ISRAEL AMYCE, born in 1579, who sometimes wrote his name AMES, and was one of the first to use that arrangement for the name. A contemporary, WILLIAM AMES, whose ancestry is undetermined, was using A-M-E-S at about the same time. He lived in Great Durnford.

10. HENRY AMYAS was son of ROBERT, and the last of this line before American colonization began.

B. WILLIAM AMYE was in Lincoln County, England in 1273. It was probably his descendant WILLIAM, above referred to, who spelled the name AMES. There is no other record of this family that can be positively proved.

C. ADAM and ROBERT AMYS were in Cambridge County, in the thirteenth century, but their descendants scattered so they cannot be identified. They may have been brothers of the JOHN and WILLIAM above referred to. If so, they would all be sons of a widow, AMY. Of course, there may have been TWO or more AMYS.

The first record of the EAMES group is found in 1390, when descendants of a feudal lord from HEISMES, NORMANDY, settled in Cork and Tipperary Counties, Ireland. As HEISMES, EISMES, then EAMES, they scattered throughout the islands of Britain. Whether ancestors of THOMAS EAMES of Dorset, England, came from Ireland or direct from HEISMES, has not been learned.

These are the earliest references to Ames families the writer has been able to find. Throughout the centuries between 1272 and 1634 the citizens were primarily of the LANDED GENTRY class, and showed particular talent in farming and the mechanical trades. These characteristics have not been lost, even in this twentieth century, by those of the AMES lineage.

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This book would not be complete without a brief summary of what is known about the early Ames settlers of this country. Admitting that much is fragmentary and inaccurate, the KNOWN facts would fill several books the size of this one (and only bring the lineages up to 1800). A shelf of books the size of the Encyclopedia Americana would be required to carry a full story on the Ames Families of America.

Known facts divide the pioneers into several distinct groups—probably related in Europe—but decidedly separate in this country.

I.

The most prolific group is that which descended from THOMAS and MILLICENT EAMES of Dorset, England. This name was probably derived—Heismes, Eismes, Eames. Reliable authorities (including the constantly repeated traditions of several different lineages) indicate that there were eleven sons in this one family. The first (probably Thomas, aged 12 at the time) is said by some to have come as a stowaway from Glasgow, Scotland about 1630—then to have sent word to the others that **THIS IS THE LIFE!** They followed, ANTHONY (oldest of the brothers) with his family in 1634, and the others, one at a time after that. Circumstantial evidence has pointed pretty clearly to the fact that JOHN, WILLIAM, HENRY, HUGH, GERSHOM, SAMUEL, RICHARD and JOSEPH were the names of the others. There is no concrete proof of this, however, particularly for the last three.

Whether or not this IS true, JOHN, WILLIAM, SAMUEL, RICHARD, and JOSEPH were first reported in Virginia; ANTHONY, THOMAS, ROBERT, HENRY, HUGH, and GERSHOM first appeared near Boston, Mass. A confusing fact is that there were four different WILLIAM and JOHN brothers in Colonial history, each with DIFFERENT families, and ALL about the SAME AGE. They even used similar names for the children, and in some cases less than a year's difference existed in the birthdates of three boys in three different families, all with the identically same name—sometimes their wife's first name was even the same.

EZRA AMES (Emes) of Albany, N. Y., was a prominent worldwide artist early in the 1800s. He was descended from THOMAS, one of the brothers in this big family.

EMMA EAMES, world-wide opera star of the late 1800s was descended from ROBERT EAMES, a brother of THOMAS.

GENERAL ADELBERT AMES was one of the men of prominence who came from the ANTHONY lineage (oldest son of THOMAS and MILLICENT).

First generation families are printed in large type—second generation in medium size—and all succeeding generations up to 1800 in smaller type.

ANTHONY EAMES was born in Dorset, England in 1595—oldest son of Thomas and Millicent. He married Margery Pierce and had a sizeable family when he came to America; settling first in Charlestown, Mass., in 1634, he became a Proprietor there. By 1636 he had moved to Hingham and became captain of the militia. In 1650 he removed to Marshfield, Mass., where he died in 1686 at the age of 91. Their children:

I. JOHN EAMES was born about (or before) 1620, in England. He was either a twin of Lt. Mark Eames, or was listed with erroneous birthdate. John died in Hingham in 1641 while his parents lived there—21 or more years of age. There is no record of any children, or of a marriage—but numerous family traditions refer to descent from JOHN EAMES, who was born in England and came to America. This is one of the few who meet the specifications.

II. LT. MARK EAMES was born in 1620, in England. He accompanied his father and mother to America, and married a girl by the name of Elizabeth on May 26, 1648. Mark lived to be 78 years of age, dying in Marshfield, Mass., in 1698.

1. JOHN EAMES was born June 7, 1649. He must have left home at an early age—or he might have been any one of several who married and moved away, with no record anywhere.

2. ELIZABETH EAMES married Andrew Love on December 5, 1672.

3. JONATHAN EAMES was born in 1655 and married HANNAH TROUANT in 1682. He died April 30, 1724. There is considerable uncertainty about those born to him—what is known is printed below:

a. JEDEDIAH EAMES was born in 1685 and married Mary Oakman. He died in 1738. Only one son is listed, born in 1729, and named Jedediah, Jr. This son married Bethia Tilden February 7, 1753—many of the lineage continued to live near Marshfield down to the 20th century. John Tilden, the son, married Sarah Rogers—

children include Edward Eames in 1803 (married Rhoda Hatch) and Tilden Eames (1795).

b. JONATHAN EAMES, JR., married Rebecca Stanford. Children were: Mercy, Thomas, Thankful, Sally, Lydia, Rebecca, Betsy and Luther. Of these only Thomas Eames, 1740 is traceable in any way. He married Rebecca Harnie and had three children in Marshfield: Jabez, 1767, who married Jane Gilkey and settled in Islesboro, Me., they had 10 children and he died in 1829; Mercy, August 28, 1771 (married a Mr. Gilkey), and Luther, who died in Boston unmarried.

Children of Jabez and Jane: Jane, Grace, Jabez, Betsey, Lemity, John, Catherine, Susan, Isaac, and Louisiana.

c. JOSIAH EAMES was the only other son listed. One son of his married Betty Eames March 4, 1761. Their son Elisha Eames married twice (Sarah Packard in 1785 and Anna Mann in 1791), and eventually moved to Southern Maine, where numerous descendants have since been located. Children of Elisha include Josiah (1787) who married Rebecca Noyes; Isaac (1789) who married Abbe Hayward—and Calvin Eames.

4. ANTHONY EAMES was born in 1657 and married MERCY SAWYER February 12, 1686. Anthony lived until 1729, but only two children are recorded. There were certainly more.

a. MERCY EAMES was daughter of Anthony and Mercy. She married Joseph Phillips in 1711.

b. ANTHONY EAMES, JR., was another child. He is included among the numerous Anthony Eames, Jrs.—but this one married Anna Barker in 1725. His son MARK EAMES is supposed to have gone to Connecticut, where he married ANNA GRICE in 1750. Their descendants are very prolific—notably ABNER AMES of Richfield Springs, N. Y. Many others settled in Northeast Pennsylvania between 1790 and 1810.

Children of Joshua (1763) and Lois Chaffee Ames include. Warren, Luther, Orin, Lyman, Robert and Rufus. Joshua died in Smithfield, Pa., in 1812.

Children of Abner (1764) and Patty Burgess Ames include. William, Waterman, Thomas, Polly, Annie, Almon, Lucy, David, Emeline and Otis. Abner died in 1827.

III. MARGERY EAMES was daughter of Anthony and Margery, and married John Jacob on October 20, 1653.

IV. ELIZABETH EAMES married Edward Miller at Hingham, Mass. Birth and marriage dates are unknown.

V. MILLICENT EAMES married William Sprague at Hingham. No accurate data is available on girls of the Anthony Eames family.

VI. JUSTUS EAMES was born in 1626 in England, coming to this country when eight years of age. He married Mehitabel Chillingsworth May 21, 1661. Of the large family, only one has traceable descendants.

1. ANTHONY EAMES was born in 1663, first child of Justus and Mehitabel. He lived until 1739, and had eight children, of whom six were boys. A complete record of the two sons about whom information is available would fill a book the size of this one. Absolutely nothing reliable is known about the other six children. There are many confusing records about three different ANTHONY Jr's in the vicinity—so the wife of this one is not known, but is thought to have been Grace Oldham.

a. and b. ELIZABETH and MARGERY are the two daughters.

c. ANTHONY EAMES, JR. is another of the mixed Junior Group—and is known to be father of one son.

(1) Josiah Eames was born in 1729 and had a son in 1765. This son was named Josiah and settled in Stockton Springs, Maine. There were 13 children: Henry 1789, Sally 1790, Josiah 1792, Joseph 1794, Daniel 1795, Jane 1797, David 1798, John 1800, Hannah 1802, James 1803, Elizabeth (married David Ames) 1805, Mary 1807, and Charity 1809.

d. THOMAS EAMES probably stayed in Marshfield, Mass. No other record.

e. CALEB EAMES probably married Deborah Dotey. There were two other Calebs, about same age—which is which is anybody's guess.

f. JOSHUA EAMES is probably the one who went to Boston and belonged to Old North Church there. If so his descendant, Joshua Emmes was at Sandisfield, Mass.—and his grandson Joshua Emmes died near Cleveland, Ohio, aged nearly 100.

g. BENJAMIN EAMES was another son.

h. EBENEZER EAMES was born December 20, 1711. He went to N. Hanover, Maine with his sons Mark, 1742, and Justus, 1744. Both sons had large families in the North.

(1) Mark Eames married Priscilla Howland first and then Rebecca Crosberry. From their descendants came Rev. Benjamin Ames of Appleton, Maine, and

Gen. Adelbert Ames of Civil War fame—the latter at one time was governor of Louisiana.

(2) Other children of Ebenezer include Joseph Eames, Lydia Eames and another daughter whose name is not known.

Other sons of Justus and Mehitabel include:

2. NATHANIEL EAMES; 3. JOHN EAMES; 4. JOSIAH EAMES; 5. JOSEPH EAMES; 6. EPHRAIM EAMES; and 7. JUSTUS EAMES.

A younger brother of ANTHONY EAMES was THOMAS EAMES, who was born in England in 1618. He came to America in 1630, when he was only 12 years of age, and settled at Dedham as a lad. Later he was found at Medford, Cambridge, Sudbury, Sherborn, and finally at Framingham, where he died January 25, 1680. He married two times, first to a girl by the name of Margaret. Only one child (the first of the lineage) was born to them. All the rest were born to the second wife, Mary Paddleford. Information in the writer's possession on this family, alone, would fill a book several times the size of the one you are now reading.

Thomas served in the Pequot and King Philip wars. He had one son and three daughters killed by the Indians. Another was taken prisoner by the savages, but escaped to be father of three sons and some daughters.

I. JOHN EAMES was born October 6, 1642, only son of Thomas and Margaret. He married Elizabeth Eames (a cousin, daughter of Robert). They had a sizeable family, most of whom went to New York, Pennsylvania, and farther west. Since the father THOMAS (1) married Margaret, (2) served in the early colonial wars, (3) came as a stowaway as first in his family, and (4) had numerous descendants settling in New York State—he is one of two early Ames men who perfectly satisfies the requirements to the title lineage of his book.

Children include.

1. PRISCILLA EAMES was born in 1683.
2. ELIZABETH EAMES was born in 1685.
3. JOHN EAMES was born January 10, 1687 and married JOHANNA BUCKMINSTER on June 23, 1712. A large family was born, many of them settling in New York State toward the close of the eighteenth century.

The first son ROBERT was born in 1714 and married Deborah Adams at Framingham in 1740. LT. JOHN EAMES, their first son had Robert in 1767 (he went to Whitestown, N.Y.); John in 1770 (went to New Hartford, N. Y.); Hezekiah in 1780 (also to New York); Asa who married Persus Butler and went to New York; Nathaniel in 1782 and Matthew B. in 1785 (Paris, N. Y.)

Another son, AARON, was born in 1726 and married Ann McCollister at Rutland, Mass. in 1748. A very large family was born, many settling at Rutland and Sagus, in Massachusetts.

Other children included ELIZABETH, 1713; JOHN, 1718; THOMAS, 1722; WILLIAM, 1724; BENJAMIN, 1733; and ABIGAIL, 1736.

The writer has not yet abandoned the possibility that WILLIAM 1724 might be the one who sired a New York Eames family and died in 1782—or that Benjamin 1724 was the one who settled in Columbia County, N. Y. Either one could have been ancestor to Jabez if they came by 1760.

4. THOMAS EAMES was born July 22, 1694. He married Rachel Graves, and the size of the family has not been fully ascertained. However, descendants went via Vermont into Pennsylvania, where a couple of large families were born. The lineage scattered into the middle and farther west, particularly Illinois.

5. MARY EAMES was born in 1696.

6. HENRY EAMES was born April 28, 1698. He married first Mary Adams—but no children were born. Then he married Ruth Newton on November 7, 1722. A sizeable family was born, many of them settling in New York State. Three girls from Henry's lineage married brothers in Cpl. Nathaniel's lineage—Hattie 1782 married Abel Ames; Lucy 1789 married Lovell Ames; Susan married Jonathan Ames. All were great-great grand children of the pioneer Thomas.

First son was Phineas Eames, 1723, who married Abigail Blandon; second was Henry, 1726, who married Lois Howe; third was Gershom, 1729, who did not marry; Timothy Eames, 1732, married Sarah Stone and Hannah Hill. The lineage settled in Clinton, N. Y. Jesse Eames, 1739, married Bette Brent and Dorothy Brown, settling at Staatsburg, N. Y. (Ezra Eames of

Albany, famous artist of the period was Jesse's son); John Eames, 1743, married Anne Bent and Mercy Fuller, then Sally Kingsbury.

7. ABIGAIL EAMES was born in 1705.

II. MARY EAMES (5-21-1645) was one of the girls who was killed by the Indians.

III. THOMAS EAMES was born July 12, 1663, but was another victim of the Indian raids.

IV. SAMUEL EAMES was born January 15, 1665. He married Patience Twitchel on April 21, 1698, and died in 1737 after fathering five sons. Daughters are not recorded.

1. GERSHOM EAMES was born December 29, 1698 and married twice. First Susanna Whiting, March 25, 1724, and second Mary Leland on March 25, 1741.

Children included: Gershom, 1730; Reuben, 1743; Ezra, 1746; and Lewis, 1748. A son of Ezra Eames, named Martin, was born in 1778 and married Mary Eames, of the Daniel lineage. (See below.)

2. JONATHAN EAMES was born January 27, 1712. He married twice—first Abigail Goulding, second Ruth.

Jonathan, 1746; John, 1754; and Moses, 1764, are the known children. No authentic information on any.

3. SAMUEL EAMES was born April 16, 1714. He married, first, Sybella Haven in 1739. Eunice Fuller was the second wife, November 3, 1746.

Samuel, the first son in 1742, did not marry.

Ebenezer, the second, born in 1744, died young. Another Ebenezer was born in 1756 and married Elizabeth Coolidge and went to Bethel, Maine, where they had Ebenezer, Nathan and Luther.

Alexander, 1763, was killed while hunting.

James, also 1763, went to Dublin, N. H., with children John, James, Samuel, Christopher Columbus and Alexander.

4. DAVID EAMES was born August 26, 1718. He married Elizabeth Butler.

Nabby Eames was born in 1758; David of 1764, married Esther Bacon and went to Withingham, Vt.; Walter, 1767, married Catherine Bacon and had two sons, Benjamin and Joel.

5. JOSEPH EAMES was born September 9, 1720 and married Susanna Pike July 15, 1746.

Thaddeus, born in 1746, went to Dummerstown (also known as Whitestown) N. Y. and one son, Nathan, is known to have been born.

Moses was born in 1752.

Nathan, 1755, did not marry.

V. MARGARET EAMES was born July 8, 1666.

VI. NATHANIEL EAMES was born December 30, 1668. A prisoner of the Indians, he escaped and was father to three sons before dying in 1746. Records of daughters are nonexistent.

1. NATHANIEL EAMES, JR., was born April 18, 1703. He became a corporal and married Rachel Lovell November 27, 1735. Nathaniel, Jr., died March 13, 1796.

a. Benjamin, born in 1737, was first child, but died in infancy. Another Benjamin was born in 1741, and also died in infancy.

b. Nathaniel, born in 1739, also died young.

c. Ann, born in 1740, died young, but Rachel, another daughter, lived to marry a Gleason.

d. A second Nathaniel, born in 1741, married Cathy Rice and had a sizeable family.

e. Alexander, born in 1748, remains anonymous, as is also Benjamin of 1751.

2. WILLIAM EAMES married Sarah Perry February 8, 1732. There were two daughters of record.

3. DANIEL EAMES was born May 20, 1711. He married Silence Leland on September 21, 1738.

a. Captain Daniel Eames, 1740, was first son. He took his family to Lee, Oneida County, N. Y. The descendants have scattered all over the country from there.

James, Asa, Jesse, Daniel, and Aaron were sons.

b. Hopestill Eames (1744) married Mary Lealand at Holliston, Mass.

Among descendants was Mary Eames, 1781, who married Martin Eames, 1778, a descendant of Gershom Eames.

c. William Eames of 1749 died in Boylston, Mass.

d. Aaron Eames, 1753, married Sarah Lealand.

VII. LYDIA EAMES was born June 29, 1672, but was killed by the Indians.

VIII. ELIZABETH EAMES was born December 18, 1673.

IX. SARAH EAMES was born October 3, 1676, apparently the last child in the family. She was one of the victims in an Indian raid.

Two brothers who must be treated together in any discussion of the family, are JOHN and ROBERT EAMES of Woburn, Mass. Apparently they came together and were not more than two or three years apart in age. One of them was born in 1614 and the other about 1617. There is no really authentic information as to which is the older. Each of them had sons named ROBERT, one of them soon after 1630—the other about 1640. Again, there is no proof as to which Robert was JOHN's son and which was sired by the older ROBERT EAMES.

Two boys were born in the early 1650s and died in infancy, but there is no knowledge as to the parentage of either. It could have been either of the pioneers—John or Robert; it could have been the earlier second generation Robert; of course, not the younger Robert, born in 1640.

The will of the first generation ROBERT, dated in 1671, indicated ALL the Ames and Eames men were related by referring to JOHN of Woburn and THOMAS (see page 192) as brothers—and to RICHARD AMES, sire of the Bridgewater clan as a cousin.

Internal evidence (naming of sons) would indicate that Robert of Woburn was son of John Eames, Sr., and that Robert of Boxford was son of Robert of Woburn, Sr.

It is probable that the David Ames, who accompanied JOHN EAMES, son of Robert of Woburn, to New London, Conn., about 1690, was a son of the elder JOHN or ROBERT.

No attempt will be made to indicate which Woburn Eames sired the Robert who remained there and which sired Robert of Boxford. It is only known that JOHN and ROBERT were both sons of THOMAS and MILLICENT of Dorset.

ROBERT EAMES of Woburn, Mass., was born to either JOHN or ROBERT EAMES, SR., near the year 1640. There is no proved record that he had any brothers at all. He married Elizabeth (last name unknown). Robert died July 30, 1712 and Elizabeth March 22, 1710.

1. ELIZABETH EAMES, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth, was born June 4, 1659 and married John Eames of Sudbury—descendant of THOMAS EAMES (Framingham).

2. MARY EAMES was born June 11, 1661.

3. PRISCILLA EAMES was born May 2, 1663.

4. SAMUEL EAMES, son of Robert and Elizabeth, was born September 2, 1664. He married Mary Death January 6, 1689 at Framingham, Mass. and died in 1747. Following are their children.

a. SAMUEL EAMES was born September 8, 1692 and lived until January 20, 1775. He married Judith Simons and had sons Samuel in 1727 and Jacob in 1723. A sister LYDIA was born 10-27-1694.

b. CAPTAIN DANIEL EAMES was born January 10, 1697 and lived until 1781. He lived at Haverhill, Mass., and married three times—Abigail Nourse, who bore all his children; Mary Chadwick, August 9, 1748, and Priscilla Kimball January 2, 1755.

Children of Daniel and Abigail include: Daniel, 3-30-1721; John, 2-19-1727; Rev. Jonathan, 11-9-1730, who married Betty Chadwick and whose descendants settled in Canada and Newton and Wentworth, New Hampshire; Jacob, 6-12-1732, who married Lucy Frost; and Deacon Samuel, 1-24-1734, who married Abigail Frye first, then Elizabeth Emery, at Haverhill.

c. JACOB EAMES was born July 11, 1699, but died in 1722.

d. JOSHUA EAMES was born May 8, 1705 and lived until August 17, 1775. He married Abigail Doggett in 1728. Only Joshua of 1746 and David of 1748 are recorded as children. Jonathan, a twin of David, lived less than a year.

e. CALEB EAMES (born March 17, 1708) lived until the year 1772. He married twice—first Sarah Simons in 1732 and second Grace Hawthorne in 1760. Children born to Caleb and Sarah:

Caleb Eames, born in 1732, lived five years. A second Caleb was born December 26, 1737 and married Mary Harvell. Their children included James (born in 1761) who died in his infancy; Caleb, 1763; James Harvell, 1773 and Joel, 1783, who married Anna Emerson in June of 1804.

Jonas Eames was born in 1734 and lived only three years. A second Jonas was born February 2, 1742 and lived until 1772. Two sons, Eliakim (1766) and Jonas (1771) were born. Eliakim's descendants were found in Showhegan and Canaan, Maine. Jonas went to Boston.

Joshua Eames was born May 11, 1744 and married Sarah Tay, January 7, 1776. They had four children of record:

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Joshua Eames was born December 20, 1767 and died in 1847. He went to Denmark, Maine and settled there.

Nathaniel Eames (born January 12, 1772) lived until 1827. A son of his, named Ithamar was born June 7, 1822. He was the father of Emma Eames, born August 13, 1867. Emma was a famous Grand Opera Star as the 1900's dawned and received worldwide acclaim. She was the most famous of all the children in the Wcburn brothers' lineage.

William Eames was born November 14, 1773. No other record, except he married Patty Dean and went to New Hampshire.

Ezekiel Eames was born September 10, 1775. That is all which is known to the writer.

John Eames was born October 25, 1746 and lived at Dracut, Mass. He died in 1819 after siring the following sons:

John, born in 1773, died as an infant.

Jonathan, born 3-4-1778, lived until 1824.

John, born 3-13-1780, went to Belfast, Maine.

Josiah, 2-4-1783, married Prudence Thayer at Dracut.

Daniel was born 9-20-1785.

Simon was born 4-15-1790 and lived at Cambridge

Henry was born 10-15-1792 and lived at Dracut.

The youngest son was the famous GENERAL ANTHONY WAYNE EAMES, born February 22, 1796.

Three successive Samuel Eames boys were born—first in 1751, then in 1753 and finally (after the first two had died in infancy) March 4, 1754. This one lived until 1829 and was father of two daughters in Boston.

Jonathan Eames was born August 19, 1755 and lived at Wilmington, Mass. until April 24, 1822. He had four sons. Walter in 1782, Benjamin in 1786, Joseph in 1787 and Elijah in 1789. He died in 1822.

f. JONATHAN EAMES was born August 8, 1716 and moved to Jefferson, Me. He married Sarah Roberts in 1738, Joanna Alexander in 1750 and Dorothy Richardson in 1754. Only record is of two sons born to Jonathan and Dorothy.

Jonathan Eames was born March 13, 1755, and moved to Maine. He was father of: Nimrod, 2-2-1784; Alfred (possibly went to Michigan); and Jonathan, 7-18-1805, of Madison, Maine.

Phineas Eames was born January 17, 1757 and also went to Maine. His children include: Jonathan, 1783; Phineas, 1784; Francis, 1786; John, 1788; and Paul, 1802.

5. ABIGAIL EAMES was born September 22, 1666.

6. JOHN EAMES, another of the sons of Robert and Elizabeth, was born May 9, 1668. He married Abigail Morgan and went about 1690 to New London, Conn. John was accompanied by DAVID AMES of Andover—probably an uncle. John's position in the family indicates his father was PROBABLY son of JOHN EAMES of Woburn (the pioneer). John and Abigail had the following children:

a. SAMUEL EAMES was born in the late 1600's. No other information.

b. JOHN EAMES was born in 1695. Little is known about his wife—but children included: John, 9-20-1724; Daniel, 10-12-1729; Abigail, 9-13-1732; John 1737; and Zebulon 2-6-1744. A son of John (1760) went to Voluntown, Conn., and later to Plymouth, N. Y.

c. ROBERT EAMES was born October 6, 1712 and lived until 1771. He married Sarah Morgan and settled in Wethersfield, Conn. Only two sons are known to have been born.

Daniel Eames was supposed to have been born to Robert and Sarah, but no information is available on him.

John Eames was born in November of 1733 and lived until July 1790. He married Abigail Butler at Wethersfield. The following children were born:

Daniel was born in 1751 and lived until 1822.

Philemon was born in 1758 and married Ruth Hurlburt.

John was born in 1760 and lived 16 years.

Benjamin was born in 1762 and lived until 1795.

William was born in 1766 and married Jerusha Goodrich in 1790.

Eunice was born in 1769 and died in 1775.

Robert was born in 1772 and lived until 1775.

John was born in 1777 and lived one year.

c. Robert Eames was born in 1741 and lived only until 1770. He married Sarah Morton in 1762 and had two sons who lived.

A William Ames was born in 1766 but died the next year. He was replaced by a William Ames born August 7, 1768 who married Louisa Hines. They became parents of Robert, Eli and Benjamin.

The son Benjamin, born March 23, 1798, lived until 1866 and sired two son:

John Griffith Ames was born December 11, 1834 and fathered JOHN GRIFFITH AMES in 1872—who became president of the University of Illinois. Delano Ames, M.D., was a brother to the University President.

George Latham Ames was born July 2, 1832 and fathered JOSEPH SWEETMAN AMES July 3, 1864. Joseph became a prominent professor at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Robert Ames, who married Ruth Lawrence was another son of Robert and Sarah Morton. Their only known son was Gideon in 1783.

7. JOSEPH EAMES born about 1670 (who died August 5, 1734) married Mary Everett, and settled in Norwich, Conn. There his family became hopelessly entangled with the many descendants of HUGH EAMES of Boston (which family was located at nearby Preston). Children of Joseph and Mary include:

a. JOHN EAMES was born February 15, 1698. Reports tell of his death December 5, 1732 aged 29 years. Maybe (as in other such cases) there were two Johns and we have the birthdate of the first—the death of the second.

b. JOSEPH EAMES was born January 1, 1711 and married Abigail Palmeter in 1733. After two Joseph Jrs. had been born in 1734 and 1736 (dying in infancy)

four daughters, named Sarah 1734, Ann 1737, Abigail 1739, and Hannah 1740, survived.

c. EBENEZER EAMES was born November 18, 1716 and married Amy Ford in 1738 at Norwich, Conn. Although a host of Ames people came out of Norwich and nearby territory, the ones belonging to this man not be singled out. A son Everet Ames, living in Western Connecticut filed claim for a Revolutionary Pension, citing an idiot son as his only dependent.

d. JOSIAH EAMES was son of Joseph and Mary and married Anna Palimeter in 1738. They had five girls between 1739 and 1747. There is no record of sons.

ROBERT EAMES of Boxford and Andover, Mass., was born about 1640. Whether he was younger or older than his cousin, Robert, of Woburn, cannot be ascertained. At any rate, he married Rebecca Blake in 1661. Their children are as follows:

1. HANNAH EAMES was born 12-18-1661.

2. DANIEL EAMES, born April 7, 1663, was first son of Robert and Rebecca. He married Lydia Wheeler and had the following family:

a. LYDIA EAMES was born 1-24-1684.

b. REBEKAH EAMES was a twin of LYDIA.

c. SOLOMON (or maybe Philemon) AMES was born November 23, 1686. There is no record except a partly torn page on his birth.

d. DANIEL AMES was born March 5, 1688 and moved to Exeter, N. H. in June of 1714. (The town later became New Market). There he died in 1754 after siring the following family:

Simon Ames who died in 1793 after fathering Mercy, Elizabeth and Mary

Samuel Ames who was born on February 13, 1732, married Hannah Dolloff. They had Samuel (married Jane Gerrish) May 12, 1745; Sarah, March 25, 1747; David, May 27 1749 (who married Phebe Hoyt); and Hannah, June 23, 1754. Descendants from this line went to Three Oaks and White Pigeon Mich., and West Creek, Lake Co., Indiana; others were found in Ft. Winnebago, Wis., and Sparta, Tenn.

David Ames was in Canterbury in 1750, apparently died in 1753.

Nathaniel Ames was on the Piscassic River in 1744.

Jacob Ames had a son Daniel (others unknown) before dying in New Market in 1806.

Anna, Lydia and Mary were the daughters in this family.

e. DAVID AMES was born December 21, 1690. He is known to have had one son, David, who went to Peterboro, N.H. A grandson by the name of David went to Hancock, N. H., and a greatgrandson by the name of David went to Cassadaga, Chautauqua County, N. Y. where he sired EDSON AMES in 1840. To him was born Allen, DeHart, Adelbert and Guy.

f. JETHRO AMES was born August 1, 1692. He married Abigail Wheelock at Lancaster on September 10, 1718. No other record.

3. ROBERT EAMES was born February 28, 1667, second son of Robert and Rebecca. His position in order of children indicates the PROBABILITY that Robert of Boxford was his grandfather. Robert married Bethiah and only two children are KNOWN to have been born.

a. ROBERT EAMES of Malden was born the same month and year as the son of Robert and Bethiah—there is no real proof it is the same man. Assuming they are the same, born 1645, here are the known children of the Malden Robert:

Robert Eames, 3-28-1719; John Eames, 1-30-1723; Nathan Eames, 4-27-1725; Ebenezer Eames, 5-3-1730; Samuel Eames, 5-15-1733; James Eames, 1735; Robert Eames, 7-25-1737, married Lydia Harrington; John Eames, 7-11-1739; Aaron Eames,, 4-13-1742. Apparently the 1719 Robert and the 1728 John died in childhood and were replaced by the Robert 1737 and John 1739.

Descendants are traced for only: Ebenezer 1730, James 1735, Robert 1737 and Aaron 1742. Even these are in conflict with other records on the same people.

b. SAMUEL EAMES married Abigail Spofford on May 7, 1718—and Hannah Stevens January 13, 1721. Children include Benjamin in 1724, Samuel who married Elizabeth Stevens July 11, 1744; Amos in 1734, Robert in 1737 and Simeon June 23, 1741.

Samuel and Elizabeth had: Samuel 1746, Spofford 1752, Solomon 1754 and Phineas 1764.

4. JOHN EAMES, born to Robert and Rebecca October 11, 1670 married Priscilla Kimball and had the following family:

a. John Eames was born August 11, 1693 and married Elizabeth. They had: John in 1725 (who married Susanna Nutting; Jacob in 1726; Eleazer in 1736, Simon in 1737 and Samuel in 1744.

b. Jacob Eames was born March 20, 1712 and married Ruth Shattuck.

c. Stephen Eames was baptized in 1712, and married Jane Robbins April 14, 1731. Children include: Jeanne 1733, Hannah 1737, Stephen 1739, Elizabeth 1742, Rachel 1744, Jonathan 1747 and David 1749.

A son of Jonathan was Jonathan Robbins Ames, born July 23, 1775—who went to Clearfield, Pa.

5. DOROTHY EAMES was born 12-20-1674 — likely named for an aunt—sister of her father.

6. JACOB EAMES was born July 20, 1677—record is that he was a mariner.

7. JOSEPH EAMES (born October 9, 1681) married Jemima. Children include:

a. ABNER EAMES was born February 2, 1710 and lived until 1745. He is believed to be the one whose descendants, Benjamin, Abner and Edward Eames were residents of Marshfield, Mass.

b. JONATHAN EAMES was born September 12, 1712. He married Elizabeth Blunt. His son, Jonathan, born September 11, 1743, married Ruth Perley and they had a son born December 19, 1768. Essex County, Mass., court records tell of the death of Ruth by poisoning, the trial of the mother-in-law Elizabeth, for murder by poisoning—and the eventual freeing of Elizabeth on the grounds that the poison was sold in loaves like bread and other deaths had occurred from the same cause. The defense attorney for Elizabeth was a very young lawyer by the name of John Adams, who became second president of the U. S.

c. JOSEPH EAMES was born January 20, 1714 and lived until 1741. He married Miriam Clement November 29, 1739. Moses Eames was born September 18, 1740 before Joseph's death in 1741.

d. NATHAN EAMES was born October 29, 1716. He married Mary Burpee in 1735. The children were born in Bradford, Mass.

Jeremiah Eames was born August 24, 1739 and married Jeaney Tenney. They had three sons, Moses, 1764; Nathan, 1767; and Noyes, 1769.

Joseph Eames was born in March of 1742.

Nathan Eames was born May 6, 1751 and lived until 1836. He married Sarah Richardson.

Burpee Eames was born December 3, 1758. He married Grace Whiting in 1782 and moved to Hollis, N.H. In 1784 he married Hanna Cumings. Children include: Burpee, 1782; Jeremiah, 1784; William, 1786; Betsey, 1787; Nathan, 1788; Poole, 1791;

Joseph, 1793; Mary, 1796; and Joseph (1797) replacing the Joseph of 1793 who died in infancy.

e. JACOB EAMES was born July 17, 1717 and married Anne Wallis in 1744. A son, Nathaniel, was born in 1745.

f. MOSES EAMES was born on February 8, 1719 and lived until 1749. He married Rebecca Johnson—but no children are recorded as having been born

g. HANNAH EAMES was born in 1728.

8. NATHAN EAMES was born November 19, 1685 and married Mary Spofford in 1710. He died in 1765.

GERSHOM EAMES of Boston, Mass., apparently had no sons—but he was closely related to Thomas, Robert, John, and Anthony. He was repeatedly honored by the naming of children for him, particularly by the descendants of THOMAS EAMES of Framingham.

Three daughters born to Gershom are listed as:

1. HANNAH EAMES born February 3, 1671.

2. MARTHA EAMES, born August 3, 1674.

3. MARY EAMES, who married John Keys in 1694.

DOROTHY EAMES, mentioned as a sister by Robert Eames' will in 1671, completes the known family of Thomas and Millicent—no other information.

II.

JOHN and WILLIAM AMES came with their sister, RUTH, to Salem and Cambridge, Mass., in 1637. They had first gone with the parents (Rev. William Ames, D.D.,* of Cambridge, England and wife Joan) to Holland, to escape religious persecution. Their decision to come to America was upset by the untimely death of the father.

After waiting the required period of mourning in Holland they came and took up temporary residence on these shores. No male descendant of this

*The Reverend Ames (born 1576) was only son of William and Joan Snelling Ames, and descended from a line of merchant adventurers. His sister Elizabeth married a man by the name of Phillips and Dr. Ames, professor of theology, married Joan Fletcher. RUTH AMES (Angier), William Ames (1624) and John Ames were children, all coming to America four years after the father's death in 1633.

particular line was born in this country, since John and William returned to England in 1648 and their lives and genealogies are recorded in British histories.

Every genealogist of the Ames lineage has unconsciously slanted his research in favor of relationship to this family—and many false records exist for that reason. Here is why:

a. Every early AMES family had a JOHN and WILLIAM in it.

b. All of them were of approximately the same age.

c. This particular pair of brothers was very active in the founding of Harvard College, and desirable to claim as ancestors. William and John Ames are recorded as prominent in all early activities of that institution—and their pictures are in an honored place on the campus. An AMES HALL has been named in their honor.

The daughter, RUTH, however, DID remain here, and a descendant of hers married into the Bridgewater Ames lineage, giving the Easton and Springfield families a DOUBLE Ames heritage. It is significant that this became the most prominent of all the Ames lineages in America.*

The Angier-Ames connection came about:

1. Ruth Ames (1620) married Edmund Angier in 1644.

2. Rev. Samuel Angier, their son in 1654, married Hannah Oakes in 1680.

3. Rev. John Angier, their son in 1701, married Mary Bourne in 1731.

4. Oakes Angier, their son in 1745, married Susannah Howard in 1774.

5. Susanna Angier, their daughter in 1783, married Oliver Ames in 1803.

There is no particular way of establishing positively that this particular lineage from the Rev. William Ames is at all related to the others.

*OAKES and OLIVER AMES are examples. Oakes was first president of the Union Pacific Railway, and the city of Ames, Iowa, was named in his honor. Oliver founded the huge Oliver Ames plow and farm implement company and the name "O. Ames Company" is still prominent in manufacture. WINTHROP AMES founded the LITTLE THEATER idea in New York, and also claims this heritage.

III.

This, the family commonly thought of as the ONLY AMESES in America, originated in the same lineage as the first and fourth units. The progenitor is widely understood to be WILLIAM AMES, brother of John Eames who married Margery Crowe (see page 200). He died in 1588, and his son William Ames died in 1626, after siring at least one son, RICHARD AMES. This Richard Ames was father of the John and William who came to America—and he died in 1615. At that time the grandfather took the two boys into his home and raised them, so many genealogists refer to him as their father.

It was after the death of both the father and grandfather that they emigrated to Massachusetts to become the only lineage to ALWAYS spell it AMES in this country.

The family tree of this particular AMES group is very complete. Because such complete data is available to the public, the information printed in this book will not be as detailed as on others.

JOHN AMES was born to Richard Ames in Bruton, Somersetshire, England on December 10, 1610, and settled first in Duxbury, Mass—then removed to Bridgewater. He married Elizabeth Hayward and had no children.

WILLIAM AMES was born to Richard Ames in England on October 6, 1608. He married Hannah and settled at Braintree, Mass. All the children were born there.

I. HANNAH AMES was born in 1641 and married John Hayden in 1660.

II. REBECCA AMES was born in 1642.

III. LYDIA AMES was born in 1645.

IV. JOHN AMES was born March 24, 1647. He married Sarah Willis, had the following children and moved to Bridgewater where he was the Second John Ames under patronage of his uncle who had died childless.

1. JOHN AMES was first son. born April 14, 1672. He married Sarah Washburn in 1697 and had a sizeable family before his death in 1756.

a. ELIZABETH AMES was born 12-9-1667 and married John Basset in 1724.

b. JOHN AMES was born 3-19-1700 and is reported to have married Mehitabel Packard in 1725—with no surviving children.

c. SARAH AMES was born 1-23-1702 and married Abiel Packard in 1723.

d. ABIGAIL AMES was born 2-9-1705 and married Thomas Wade in 1725 (or 1752).

e. JONATHAN AMES was born 6-10-1707 and married Keziah Tinkham in 1757. Here is their family:

Jonathan Ames was born in 1759 and married twice—Deborah Pratt in 1780 and Patience Sturtevant in 1785. Children were: Jonathan 1784, Sally 1786, Lewis 1788, Susannah 1790, William 1792, Charles 1794 and Willard 1798.

f. DEBORAH AMES was born 4-1-1710 and never was married.

g. DANIEL AMES was born 10-7-1712, married Hannah Keith in 1742. Their children include.

Doctor John Ames 1742--no children, died in 1773.

Timothy Ames 1744, married Abigail Howard in 1778 and Ruth Carver in 1786. Children. Hannah 1779, Seba 1781, Abigail 1787, Sybil 1789, Theron 1792 and Phebe in 1795.

Noah Ames was born in 1748, married Ruhana French and had one son John. They went to Winthrop, Maine.

Daniel Ames was born in 1751, married Mehitabel Perkins and they had Benjamin in 1781 and Josiah in 1783.

Job Ames was born in 1752 and married Mary Dyke in 1782—Abigail Carver in 1814. Azel was born in 1783, Hannah in 1785, Joel in 1787, Elijah in 1789 and Nathaniel in 1795.

From Elijah in this line came Nathaniel, who sired the AMES lineage of the Washington, D. C. area, including WILLIAM AMES of Murphy and Ames, and COL. NORMAN AMES, for years a professor at George Washington University.

Sarah 1754, Hannah 1756, and Phebe 1760, were daughters.

h. BENJAMIN AMES was born 2-24-1715. He married Dorcas Thayer and is supposed to have had only one son, Joshua in 1760.

Joshua Ames was married to Hannah Ford in 1786 and their children were James in 1787, David in 1788, Hannah in 1790 and Betsy in 1796.

i. JOSHUA AMES was born 4-9-1718. There is no record of his marriage or of any children.

2. WILLIAM AMES was born November 6, 1673, married Mary Hayward in 1698 and had the following children before dying November 20, 1712.

a. MARY AMES was born 12-18-1699 and married Joseph Alger.

b. WILLIAM AMES was born 9-18-1701. His family became so entangled with another AMES group near Mansfield, Conn., that exact descendants are not known, based on acceptable records. Of the many boys, only three had any known AMES descendants—AMOS, WILLIAM and JOSEPH.

Mary Ames was born in 1722.

William Ames was born May 16, 1723. He married Abigail Hinckley in Mansfield, Conn., 11-5-1746. Children include Seth (died 1752), Elijah (died 1761), another Elijah born 1761, Barnabas 1763, Samuel 1765, Abner 1766, and Wm. Augustus 1769.

Barnabas Ames was born in 1725—no children; Silence was born in 1727; Peace was born 1729; Anna in 1730 and Abraham in 1731—childless.

Amos Ames was born in 1723 and had several of the children in the Mansfield mixup—only ZALMON, born in 1769, is KNOWN child. His descendants went via Pennsylvania to IOWA in the mid-1800s, with present generation descendants in Afton, Iowa, and scattered throughout the midwest.

Charity was born in 1733, Elizabeth in 1735 and Sarah in 1736. At this time the family moved to Mansfield, Conn., where early records were lost on the lineage.

Joseph Ames was born in 1737 in Connecticut and married Elizabeth Parker in 1761. His family went

to Shaftsbury, Vt. in 1778. Nathaniel (1773) is one known son.

John Ames was born in 1738. No other record.

Hannah Ames was born in 1740. No record.

c. MARTHA AMES was born 3-7-1704 and married Thomas Conant.

d. BETHIA AMES was born 4-25-1706 and married Timothy Keith.

e. SARAH AMES was born 7-27-1708.

f. HANNAH AMES was born 9-21-1710 and married Samuel Keith. .

3. CAPT. NATHANIEL AMES was born October 9, 1677. He married Susannah Howard in 1702 and died in 1736 after siring the following family.

a. NATHANIEL AMES was born 7-22-1708 moved to Dedham, Mass. in 1725 and married: Mary Fisher in 1735, Deborah Fisher in 1740.

Dr. Nathaniel Ames, born in 1741, is said to have had no children.

Dr. Seth Ames was born in 1743 and became a surgeon in the Army of the Revolution. No children, apparently.

The great patriot and friend of George Washington, FISHER AMES was born 4-9-1758. Many of the lineage through the son RICHARD are in Illinois—a complete book “William Ames and Richard Ames” has been published on this lineage.

b. SUSANNA AMES was born 7-13-1711 and married a man by the name of TRIPP.

c. SETH AMES was born 3-19-1713, married Elizabeth Prince in 1724. They had two sons before the father died at sea of poisoning in 1738.

John Ames, one son, has descendants which trace ancestry to Barre, Mass.—JOHN PRINCE AMES being the only son. Deborah, Elizabeth, Ruth, and Anna were the daughters.

The other son was Seth Ames. He settled in Rochester, Mass., with Seth and Thomas, the sons. Sarah Elizabeth and Deliverance were daughters.

4. ELIZABETH AMES was born in 1680.

5. THOMAS AMES was born February 21, 1682. He married Mary Hayward in 1706, and they had a sizeable family before he died in 1737. His widow married John Buck in 1739.

a. THOMAS AMES was born February 6, 1707 and married Keziah Howard in 1731. They had six children before his death in 1774.

Keziah Ames was born on February 12, 1732 and married David Howard.

Susanna Ames was born on February 26, 1734 and married Josiah Snell.

Thomas Ames was born March 24, 1736. He married Deborah Brett and had the following children: Parnel in 1759, Abiel in 1761, Thomas in 1763, Olive in 1765, Rebecca in 1770 and 1772 and Betty in 1775.

Captain John Ames was born on April 7, 1738. He married Susannah Howard in 1759 and they had the following family before his death in 1805. He received his commission for activity in helping with materials for the Revolutionary army.

David Ames was born in 1760 and moved to Springfield, Mass., where a prominent ammunition and gun factory was established. He married Rebecca Johnson.

John Ames was born in 1775 and moved to Easton, Mass. He married Debora Sanger and was active in manufacturing at that place.

Oliver Ames was born in 1779. His sons Oakes and Oliver became prominent in manufacture and politics from Massachusetts. Ames, Iowa, was given its name in honor of Oakes Ames.

Mehitabel Ames was born August 10, 1740 and she married Eliab Forbes.

Rev. Sylvanus Ames was born January 20, 1744. He married Huldah Johnson and graduated from Harvard in 1667. There were three children in the family when he entered the chaplaincy of Geo. Washington's army at Valley Forge. There he died during the hard winter of 1777-78.

Bezer Ames was the first son, born in 1769. He settled in Milton, Mass. with his family.

Sylvanus Ames was born in 1771 and settled in Athens, Ohio. His son, Edward B. Ames, born in 1806, became a Bishop in the Methodist church. Another son of Judge Sylvanus was Charles B. Ames, who is grandfather to C. F. Ames, a New York attorney who has helped the writer continually with material for this book.

Cyrus Ames was born in 1773 and settled in Belpre, O., just across from Parkersburg, W. Va.

b. SOLOMON AMES, born January 16, 1709, married Susanna Keith in 1737. After his death in 1745, she married Isaac Swift. They had only three children:

Simeon Ames was born June 17, 1739. He married Experience Standish in 1765. A soldier in the old French War of 1756, Simeon died in 1811. The family included:

Barzillia 1766, Alexander 1768, Mehitabel 1770, Solomon 1773, Simeon 1776, Susanna 1780 and Jotham 1786.

Solomon Ames was born September 18, 1741. He married Eunice Holmes (Sprague) and no children have been recorded.

Captain Jotham Ames was born October 16, 1743. He was Lieutenant in the company at the capture of Burgoyne and became acting Captain on Captain Allen's death. Married twice, Keziah in 1767 and Sarah Bryant in 1786. No recorded children.

c. JOSEPH AMES, born May 6, 1711, married three times, first Susannah Littlefield in 1736, second Ruth Packard in 1754 and third Abigail Lathrop (Bosworth) in 1768. He had children by all three wives.

Children by Susanna include: Phebe in 1737, who married Jonathan Howard; Ebenezer in 1739, who married Jane Howard in 1763; Nathaniel in 1741, who married Mary Hill; Elijah in 1743, who married Betty Johnson in 1769 and went to Pennsylvania; Susanna in 1744, who married Daniel Copeland; Joseph in 1747, a revolutionary soldier, who married Martha Williams in 1770; Bethia in 1749, who married Ephraim Forbes; William in 1751, who died in N. Y. in 1776 as a Revolutionary and Sarah in 1753, who married Josiah Williams in 1778.

Ebenezer and Jane had six children before his death in the Revolutionary Army in 1779. They were: Ambrose in 1765, of Greenfield, Mass.; Charles in 1767, who went to Burtonsville, Canada; Walter in 1773, who went to Salina, Mich.; William in 1777, who went to Belvidere, Ill.; and Ebenezer in 1779, who went to Truxton, N. Y. Elijah and Betsy were in the Chester County, Pa., area and had known children—Elijah, Betsey, Stillman, and Lavina.

Joseph and Martha had: Seth 1771; Bethia 1773; Zephaniah (a bachelor) in 1776; followed by twins Joseph and Martha in 1778; Anna in 1781; Lucy in 1784; Jane in 1787; Waldo in 1789; Lucy in 1792; and Nathaniel in 1795.

The only child by Joseph and Ruth was Zephaniah, born in 1755. He was a bachelor and died in 1776.

Joseph and Abigail had: Olive in 1769, James in 1771, and Fiske in 1773.

James married Jenny Fenno in 1794. Two sons by the name of Leonard died before Franklin born in 1799 and James in 1803, lived. Franklin married Polly Keith in 1821. Many of their descendants went to Minnesota—Waubeck, Guthrie, and Menomine.

Fiske married Betsy Covington in 1803 and Dinah Leach in 1819. Children by the first marriage include: Betsy 1805, Cyrus 1806, George 1808, William 1810, and Joseph 1813. Children by the second marriage include Eldbridge, Mary and John.

d. EBENEZER AMES was born April 4, 1715 and married Sarah Howard. Children born before his death in 1805 include the following:

Rufus Ames was born March 31, 1739. There is no record of marriage or children—he died in 1828. However, census records of 1790 indicate he had a sizeable family at that time.

Sarah Ames was born in 1741 and married Josiah Williams in 1763.

Parmenas Ames was born in September of 1943 and married Mehitabel Ames. Children include: Parmenas, Rufus, Keziah, Daniel and Mehitabel.

Parmenas Ames went to Easton, Mass., where he had sons Franklin and William.

Daniel H. Ames also went to Easton and had two known children—Cordelia and Augustus M.

Mary Ames was born in 1747 and Keziah in 1750.

e. MARY AMES was born June 20, 1717 and married Seth Howard.

f. SUSANNA AMES was born May 4, 1720 and married Thomas Willis in 1741.

g. NATHAN AMES was born July 4, 1722. He married Elizabeth Snow in 1750. Only two children were born.

Sarah Ames was the daughter.

Nathan Ames was born in 1753 and died in 1776 with no recorded children.

6. SARAH AMES was born October 12, 1685, and married Daniel Field.

7. DAVID AMES was born August 30, 1688. He married Mary Snell (Reynolds) a widow and they had three children before his death in 1726. There is much controversy over his descendants, many lineages claiming him as their sire, through children born AFTER his death and before his son DAVID was old enough to marry. (See Page 196r.)

a. and b. DAVID and MARY AMES (twins) were born May 9, 1723. There is no record of marriage or children—though a David Ames of Braintree, Mass., has been traced to this fellow or his father—with no possibility of the records being accurate.

c. JAMES AMES was born April 3, 1725. He married Betty Ames in 1748. Their children include Mary in 1756

and Betty in 1773. James is supposed to have married a girl by the name of Dorcas after that—but there is no authentic record of children. James died in 1786.

8. HANNAH AMES was born December 17, 1712.

V. SARAH AMES was born in 1647 and married Thomas Hayward.

VI. DELIVERANCE AMES was born in 1653.

IV

A man in England, supposed to be brother of THOMAS EAMES who founded Group I, was JOHN EAMES, born in 1560. He married Cyprian Browne and lived until 1629. He is said to have had several children. Four are known to have come to America. These are JOHN, WILLIAM (note the pair of brothers by that name again), HENRY, and THOMAS.

The lineage came at first to Boston and environs, where similarities of birth dates and names (even of wives) has made them difficult to identify positively.

What is known about the four brothers will be printed here. Anything that is not pretty definitely assured will be so indicated in the presentation. It should be noted that this group is considered to be FIRST COUSINS of group I, but are no closer than second or third cousins to group III.

JOHN EAMES (Ames, Ameer) came to Boston and there married Martha Johnson on March 18, 1649. What is known about the family is printed here—nothing is available beyond the first generation families. JOHN AMES was listed in tax lists for 1674 and 1687.

1. MARTHA AMES was born 11-10-1655 and apparently did not survive to maturity.

2. WILLIAM AMES was born 3-24-1657.
3. Another MARTHA AMES was born 2-23-1659 but died 12-20-1659.
4. MARY AMES was born 10-10-1661.
5. REMEMBRANCE AMES was born 3-18-1664.
6. RUTH AMES was born 6-24-1666 but apparently died at an early age.
7. JOSEPH AMES was born 2-10-1668.
8. RUTH AMES was born 3-1-1671.

WILLIAM EAMES is considered to be the one who settled in Braintree, Mass. in 1638. Only one son is positively known to have been born to him. What happened to others is anybody's guess.

DAVID AMES of Braintree married Mehitabel Payne in Boston December 10, 1719. He is ancestor to a large group of Connecticut people whose records claim group III as their ancestors.

DAVID AMES was born to David and Mehitabel in 1723. He served in the American Revolution and died at 98. He married Irene Waldo and they had a large family. Nathaniel Ames, who died at 102 in Oregon, Wis., and was a Revolutionary veteran was one son. Other descendants include: William LaFayette Ames of Oregon, Wis. (in Who's Who 1910 to 1920); Norton Travis Ames, insurance man of Madison, Wis. in the present generation—and a large number of Ames descendants originating in Cadigan, N. H.

HENRY EAMES settled in Boston, married Elizabeth and had a sizeable family there—most of whom went to Maine as indicated below. He was listed in all the tax lists from 1674 to 1695.

1. HENRY EMES was born 5-4-1673, married Sarah Gatlop 12-14-1715 and went to Sagedohock (Sagersdock?) York County, Maine, in 1721.

2. WILLIAM EMES was born 5-28-1674.

3. SAMUEL EMES was born 8-26-1677 and married Hepsibah Sale 4-22-1703. Their family includes.

a. HENRY EMES was born 12-24-1718 and married Ann Lyde 1-31-1739.

b. ELIZABETH EMES was born 1-25-1720.

c. SAMUEL EMES married Abigail. Two known children are: Samuel born 5-17-1736 and Hepsibah 4-19-1744.

4. MARY EMES was born 11-23-1678.

5. JOHN EMES was born 11-30-1680 and married Hannah Palmeter 4-26-1704.

a. Hannah Emes was born 4-6-1706.

6. MERCY EMES was born 11-26-1682.

7. BENJAMIN EMES was born 4-6-1688. Probably went to New York. .

8. NATHANIEL EMES was born in 1690, married Hannah Grafton 8-15-1714. They went to Casco Bay, in York County, Maine, where the family included:

a. Elizabeth was born 1-26-1715.

b. Henry was born 1-2-1716 and married Mary Giles 7-7-1743. Their known child is Nathaniel 8-10-1744.

c. Nathaniel was born 2-18-1717.

d. Joshua was born 11-17-1719 and first married Martha Parkham 4-9-1743, then Margaret Clark 11-11-1747. He was, successively, in Sandisfield, Mass., New York State, and finally located in Northern Ohio, where he died about 1850, nearly 100 years of age.

Margaret was born 11-19-1749.

Joshua was born 10-12-1771 and moved, first to Sandisfield, Mass., then to New York State, and finally located in the Northern part of Ohio.

Nathaniel, 1760, married Rebecca Ridgeway.

e. Hannah, 1726, Mary 1728, Mercy 1730 are daughters.

THOMAS AMES came to America, but there are no authentic records of his marriage, location of settlement, children, or death. Every bit of evidence points to HIM as sire of the entire Accomac, Virginia lineage.

WILLIAM AMES* is listed as an immigrant in 1654. His name is never mentioned again in county records. Probably the first son of Thomas—but may be from Braintree, Mass., and father of the ones listed next.

* It may never be known whether WILLIAM here listed, is a son of THOMAS—or the Braintree, Mass. William. Until positive proof can be located, the reader must choose for himself. The only documentary evidence (Union County, Ky. Court Records) is certainly unconvincing: "The best known . . . was William Ames of Braintree, Mass. Joseph Ames was an early immigrant to Accomac County, Virginia. Francis Ames, immigrant ancestor to Union County, came from Staffordshire, England, in 1808." Instead of proving connection, this statement actually opens the possibility that the three might be unrelated. Bruton, Somerset, and Stafford are three DIFFERENT localities in England, and there is a spread of about 70 years in immigration dates.

RICHARD AMES came in 1665. His name appears in Virginia lineages for generations—might be the man referred to by Robert Eames (see page 192) as a cousin.

SAMUEL AMES was a tithable in Virginia in 1666.

JOHN AMES was captain of the Sea Horse for Col. Scarburgh of Virginia. He is listed as having been “captured” in 1651.

ABM. and MARGERY AMES were immigrants before 1679. They are the only available connection between the Virginia lineage and the title clan of this book.

JOSEPH AMES (Eames, Aymes) arrived in Va. in 1672, coming with Col. Daniel Jennifer. In 1683 he bought land in what is now the vicinity of Belle Haven in Accomac County, Virginia. The area became known as AMES RIDGE—and a portion of the original land is still in possession of descendants of the pioneer. Joseph married Ester Gray and had four sons before his death in 1709. The widow died ten years later. Joseph’s name appeared on many land and probate records, spelled differently (it seems) every time. His location at AMES RIDGE identifies his lineage in SOME way with the New York lineage which is the theme of the first part of this book—Washington County, Pa., cousins of the writer, now well into their eighties, remember hearing their grandparents talk about AMES RIDGE—“over toward Washington some place.”

1. THOMAS AMES, the oldest son of Joseph and Ester, inherited the property, married Mary Mears, and had three or four children before his death in 1759.

a. JOSEPH AMES married Dorothy Darby and they had six children before his death in 1785.

Lt. Caleb Ames was in the Revolutionary Army and lived until 1785. He married Hannah and they had nine children—of whom only Caleb, Thomas, and Sally are known by name.

Joseph Ames married Elizabeth Stringer and had Peggy, Rachel and Nathaniel.

Levin Ames married Mary Hutchinson—children include Joseph, Hall, Jno., Levina, and Benjamin.

Levin in this line was first to change from the Episcopal to the Methodist Church. In Hall’s lineage came: Samuel, Milton B. and finally Samuel R. Ames, the latter a prominent insurance man in Norfolk, Va., at this time.

Mary B. Ames (see next page)
LEVIN. His son, John (1773) sired
father of John Wesley Ames in 1822.
followed in 1836 and 1861. Born to the second: Wm. B. (1888), Ben F. 3rd,
(1890), Mary B. (1893), Julia Elizabeth (1895) and Virginia Helen (1899).

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traces her lineage through this
John in 1793, who in turn was
Two Ben. Franklin Ames men

Levi Ames; Anne Ames, who married a Belote; and Churchel Ames (who married Peggy Watson and died in 1796, complete this lineage.

Churchel's children were Benjamin, William, another Churchel, Levi, Peggy, Rosanna, and Opansely.

b. ESTHER AMES married Jno. Harrison.

c. THOMAS AMES married Elisha (Stringer?) Their family includes:

Levi Ames married Betsy and went to Isle of Wight County to live.

Capt. Shadrack Ames married Matilda Christian. He served in the Revolutionary army.

Zerobabel Ames married Elizabeth Kellauer. Born Zerobabel, he shortened his name, first to Babel and later to Abel. Children include Jonathan, Zerobabel, Nancy and Elizabeth.

Thomas Ames married Tabitha Mears. Children included Jesse, Richard, Shadrack, Thomas, Tabitha and Zadak.

Jesse married Sally Ashby. In succeeding generations, Thomas H. sired Edward T., who was father of John Stephen—whose daughter, Lela Ames married Levin Nock Davis. She was the writer's first contact in the Virginia lineage.

d. JOHN AMES* is indicated in some records to have been another son of Thomas and Mary. If so, a son of his, John Wesley Ames, fought in the War of 1812, married Margaret Lingo and settled in Nansemond Co., Va. Most records, however, omit this JOHN altogether.

2. JOHN AMES,* a younger brother, was deeded a farm by Thomas Ames. There is some confusion about his family. Some records indicate he might be ancestor to the Nansemond County, Va., Ames clan (see above).

3. JAMES AMES, the third son, married a girl by the name of Mary. Only one child is known: Esther Ames, who married a Mr. Garrison.

4. The other son, WILLIAM, also married a girl by the name of Mary. Three sons were born:

a. JOHN AMES married Phyllis and died in 1816. A son John L. Ames, married Leah Harrison, but there is no record of children.

b. KENDAL AMES is a son, but there is no record of marriage.

c. ELIJAH AMES had one son and several daughters before dying in 1823. The son, Major Ames, is reported to have died in his youth.

* From one of these two JOHN AMES lineages came MARY B. AMES and others in Portsmouth, Va. Mary has been in constant touch with the writer about this book.

HUGH EAMES (Amos, Ames) came with his wife, Hannah, from Boston to Preston, Conn. Leaving Boston about 1667, he may have been son of William Eames of Braintree, or a brother of John, William, Henry and Thomas. He could have been a son of either John or William in this lineage, too. A lake near Preston is named LAKE AMOS for his descendants, although there is no record of Hugh having spelled it that way. He died on December 7, 1706 in Preston, and his wife August 31, 1714. Three children are usually ascribed to Hugh and Hannah, though there is every reason to believe they had several more.

1. MARY AMES was born before 1670.

2. JOHN AMES was born before 1672. He married Sarah Morgan at Norwich, Conn., in April of 1694. Death records tell of his passing January 22, 1758, in the 101st year of his age—indicating birth in 1658. Children include:

a. JOHN AMES was born August 29, 1697. He married Mary Smith December 1, 1715. Children were:

John Ames was born 12-5-1717; Hannah, 9-17-1719; Daniel, 12-30-1721; Abigail, 3-15-1723.

Hugh Ames was born 12-28-1726. He married Sarah Smith, daughter of Jacob Smith, 7-31-1750.

Rufus was born in 1750, Levi in 1752, Asahel in 1753, Abigail in 1756.

Elisha Ames was born in 1757, served in the Revolutionary Army, married Eliza Cook in New York State, and finally settled in Wyoming County, Pa., where between 1796 and 1816—Ruel, Reuben, Rency, Warner, Ann, Andrew, Hugh, and Elisha were born.

Sanford was born in 1759, Mary in 1760.

Ephraim Ames was born in 1764. He moved to New York State, then to Pennsylvania, and finally to Sunbury, Ohio. Married to Margaret, he had Elias, Mary and two others.

Stephen Ames was born in 1767 and another Sanford, probably a twin.

Andrew Ames was born in 1769, moved to Wilkes barre, Pa., where he died in 1810 of yellow fever. His children include:

Rufus, Almon Arnold, Sarah Ann, Laura, and David, all of Madison Co., N. Y.

John Stafford was born in 1794, in Pennsylvania. He married Mary Jane Stern and they had

two sons—James S., a soldier in the Civil War and Almon Ames, born in 1821.*

b. to f. WILLIAM AMES was born 10-12-1700; SARAH, 6-30-1703; MARGARET, 9-6-1708; ESTHER 4-16,1711; and HANNAH, 2-21-1714.

g. DAVID AMES is listed as another son, no birth-date is given. Might have married Mehitabel Payne instead of the one listed on Page 176r.

3. SAMUEL AMES was born in 1672 and married Olive. He settled at Stonington and Killingsley, Conn. There are many lost and confused lineages in this family.

a. JOSEPH AMES was born July 4, 1714. His son Elijah married Keziah Whipple on September 9, 1756. Only one son is known to have been born:

Joseph Ames was born April 16, 1757, married Hannah Tyler November 12, 1777, and served in the Revolutionary War.

Caleb Tyler Ames was born 9-5-1778. He is ancestor to Louis Annan Ames, the flag maker.

Others: Rebecca, 1780; Elijah, 1782, Keziah, 1784; William F. of Rockford, Ill., 1786; Nancy, 1787; Joseph of Canaan, Pa., 1790; Alfred, 1792; John T., 1794; Hannah, 1795; Bradford, 1798; Henry C., 1799; Rufus, 1801, and Erastus D., 1804. Erastus Ames (page 102) was named for a New England cousin! Was this the one? Erastus is a name only in Hugh's lineage!

b. to e. Samuel, David** Mary, and John Ames were all baptized in 1716, no birthdates.

f. ABIEL AMES was listed as being born in North Stonington on May 3, 1716, about the time the others were baptized.

A group of AMES, EMES or EMS families are recorded in Boston records, with no indication as

* ALMON'S children include: (1) AMANDA (Kirk) in 1864. Her daughter, Stella, of Bucyrus, O., helped the writer greatly; (2) ANNA AMES; (3) CHARLES STAFFORD AMES (had Lucille, Helen, Dorothy, and Mildred—as well as ALMA (Shepherd)) another contact for the writer; ((4) EUNICE AMES; (5) DR. JAMES AMES; (6) MARTHA (Frazee), whose son PAUL of Tipp City, Ohio, has helped with information; (7) BLANCHE AMES; and ALMA (Rice).

** Some records insist this DAVID was born in 1700, married Mary Penniman, and sired the lineage usually credited to the Bridgewater WILLIAM AMES—listed on this book on page 196r as belonging to the Braintree WILLIAM EAMES. One dares not rule out the possibility that Mehitabel died and DAVID (this one or another) then married Mary Penniman. If Hugh Ames were to be a son of William of Braintree (a matter that could easily be possible) every conflict in every report would resolve as if by magic. It would be logical for a descendant, then, to return to Braintree. Braintree records do not give any records of ANY Ames except David and Mehitabel's marriage.

to their connection in previous generations. These are recorded below, without comment. They MAY be descended from the above lineages—or from another line whose first ancestor is lost to researchers entirely.

BENJAMIN EMES married MARY and had Benjamin on June 24, 1693 and Eliza on March 31, 1695. Benjamin was listed in tax lists for 1691 and 1695.

ANTHONY EMES married Naomi Connis November 6, 1702 and had CONNIS 11-3-1703. He is probably one of the lost ANTHONYs of group I.

JACOB EMS married Mary in 1700. A son, Jacob, was born May 16, 1701.

JONATHAN EMES married Mary Barter May 9, 1743.

THOMAS EAMES married Hannah and had Thomas on June 12, 1727.

NATHANIEL EMES married Elizabeth and had Elizabeth October 27, 1715.

WILLIAM EAME of Long Island married Mary Balston of Muddy River at Boston 6-27-1693.

EPHRAIM EAMES married Eliza Goodwin May 16, 1717. May be a lost Anthony Eames descendant.

Although other records fail to mention the children of ROBERT and BETHIAH AMES (see page 196f) in full detail—Boston records say: SAMUEL was born February 24, 1695, ROBERT March 21, 1697 and BENJAMIN on March 30, 1699. It is likely that SOME of the families listed on this page originate in ROBERT's background.

V.

Many of the families of America have internal evidence that indicates SOME relationship to the AMES clan. What has been found out about some of these is pnted here.

THE EANES FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

A group of people who may be closely related to ANY ONE of the Ames or Eames groups — particularly the New York, New Jersey, and Virginia units — is the EANES LINEAGE of Henrico County, Virginia.

Family histories tell of an EDWARD EANES who founded the line. He is said to have been born EAMES in England and to have come to Virginia's coastal region before 1700. Family difficulties are hinted in some of

the writings, and Edward changed the one letter of his name before going father inland. Edward could very easily have been a brother of Joseph Eames of Accomac County, Virginia.

At any rate, the children included: William, Henry, Edward, Phebe and Mary — all baptized in 1723. (No birthdates available). John in 1725, Elizabeth 1727, Thomas 1728 and Josiah 1733, complete the first American generation lineage.

THE AMISS LINEAGE OF VIRGINIA

A variegated spelling appears in Rappahanock and Culpeper Counties, Virginia. Originally AMY and AMYS in Europe (suggesting descent from the root AMES family of England — see page 186 — the “Y” was changed to “I” in America.) Sometimes spelled AMIS and sometimes AMIES, the group moved inland until it appeared as AMISS in the counties above

The family originated in a certain THOMAS AMIS who took 295 acres of land in 1678. JOHN, apparently a son, took 500 acres in 1693, followed by LOUIS in 1699. THOMAS and JAMES AMIS, brothers, took up additional land in 1700.

A group of men living together in Cecil County, listed as AMIES in the 1790 censns, may have been of this lineage—as might some of the AMIES families of Eastern Pennsylvania in the late 1700’s and early 1800’s. George Ames of Wayne County, Pa., had a son, George AMEY, Jr. The spelling AMYS was also used.

Some of the literature on this lineage suggests that there is a common origin with the AMES families of New England.

THE AMOS FAMILIES OF MARYLAND

There were two groups of AMOS lineages which came to America. One, spelling it AMOS from the first, was Catholic in its religion. The other, spelling it AMOSS, was QUAKER in faith. Many of the Amoss group dropped the final “s” —others changed the “o” to an “i” and be-

came identified with the AMISS families. There may be a common origin between AMOSS and AMISS.

William Amoss was born in 1690 in England and came to America before 1735. He married Ann McComas, settled in Harford County, Maryland, and the family was prominent in farming, industry, and militia activity there.

Some of the lineage finally went to Washington County, Penna., about the same time time Jabez appeared. Similarities of name led to much confusion, and finally a descendant, MORDECAI AMOS was buried in Ohio as MORDEAI AMES.

IIAMES FAMILIES IN MARYLAND

The IIAMS families which originated in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, have SOME claim to common origin with the families which are detailed in this book. The writer's grandfather, John C. Ames, declared to the writer's mother, Mary C. Ames, that IIAMS families were only varied spellings of OUR NAME. He never openly said they were relatives, however!

At any rate, WILLIAM EYAMS came to Anne Arundel County in the late 1600s. He and his wife, Elizabeth Cheney Eyams, had William born in 1670, Richard in 1673, and Elizabeth in 1697. George, Hester and Susannah were other progeny.

The children changed it to IIAMS. The variation IJAMS suggests the Welch root EYAMS which means JAMES—the same as the Scottish families of this book have for origin. An ancestor, ROBERT I'ANS, of Whitestone, England, is known to have been high in favor with Queen Elizabeth. Sometimes, Eams, Aims, and Emis spellings appeared—eventually becoming Ames.

MISELLANEOUS NOTES ON OTHERS

A family, seemingly originating in some ancestor by the name of SAMUEL AMES appeared near Exeter and New Market, N. H.—and this MIGHT have been the SAMUEL AMES of the AMYS lineage who died “over-seas” in 1765. Equal evidence points to a Samuel, about

whom a book has already been written, as being from one of the old line Massachusetts families. A Samuel Ames was in Philadelphia before 1750, too.

Johann George Embs came from Germany in 1741, with sons, Valentine, John, Henry(?), and Elijah(?). His descendants have a dozen spellings for their name—many using Emes, Eames or Ames. Some of them are to be found in Ohio now, spelling their name AMES. The group is probably unrelated to the other Ames families. The annual EMES reunion held in Berks County, Pa., is for descendants of this lineage.

Three theories exist for the origin of these EMS people. (1) From the River Ems in Germany. (2) English people who fled religious persecution and settled on the Continent—having Germanized their names. (3) Same origin as Heismes and Hamois folks, going to Germany instead of England.

Henry Eames came to Philadelphia from Cork, Ireland in the early 1700's and by 1769 had moved to New York City. Most of his descendants are still spelling it Eames and pronouncing with a LONG E—but a few in New York changed it to AMES. This is an Irish group and is probably most closely related to the ancestry of Normandy, and thus only distant cousins to the British AMES families. Henry and his family settled near another New York HENRY EAMES (son of William Eames who died in 1782) and their families have become almost hopelessly confused in early records.

The writer has records taken directly from immigration lists at Philadelphia, which include dozens of men with names similar to EMBS, AMET, EMINT, AMON, AMOS, EMIG, EMICK, etc., who settled in Pennsylvania Dutch territory between Philadelphia and York, Pa. By Revolutionary War time these names appeared on different lists with four or five different spellings for the same man. From this territory at least three families of EMES, AMOS, and AMES lineage sprang—without any background record to prove where they may have come from.

One man spelled his name GEORGE EMICK, EMIG, AMICK, AMENT, AMER, on different county, state and military records.

It was from this territory that a large group of AMES' in Harrison County, Ohio, sprang. (First of the line—HENRY and MARGARET EMES from Philadelphia, Pa. to near Cadiz Junction, Ohio). Also a JOHN AMES who moved from Lancaster County, Pa., to Wayne County, Ohio, before 1850, and whose descendants have been located in Northwestern Ohio, in Indiana and in Illinois.

Thus it can be seen that at least four groups of unrelated AMES families are now living in the United States. (1) Those who are "Sons of Amy"—AMYAS. (2) Men from Jeames or Heismes—EAMES. (3) The German families who first used varying spellings—all based on EMS. (4) Those who came later and cannot always be related to the early families with absolute certainty.

XV

Most of the Ames Families May Be Cousins

There is a widespread notion in this country that the Ames families originated in a common source in England—one group saying this was before 800 A. D. A British Book traces the most prominent Ames families to the “sons of the widow Amy” in Nether Shelelyngton, before 1300. The Eames group has a continuous record dating back to the Viscount of Heismes, “Amfrid de Danois” in Normandy about 978 A. D. Other families added to these trunk lines as indicated in a previous chapter.

However, it is possible that none of the AMYS family came to America before 1650 with the pioneers—England has no positive record of that group sending any emigrants to the New World. The location of those who DID come is of such a nature as to make POSSIBLE one common ancestry for ALL the New England families.

Because this is possible, and because it is insisted on by many genealogists, the ONE possible common source is indicated in the chart on the next page, and enough detail is given in the next few paragraphs to show WHY and HOW such a relationship MAY exist.

There is so much conflict in original records that no positively perfect chart of the relationship existing between the original families can be drawn up. However, the writer has put together all that he can learn from investigation in early county and state histories of New England and blended it with the more probable family records now available. In so doing a probable connection between ALL the Families that came before 1650 can be shown as in the accompanying chart.

The only possible common ancestor would be a JOHN EAMES (1)* who died in England in 1560.

* The material in Chapter XVI might actually originate in one of the Scottish King James men. James V had (reportedly) several illegitimate sons. If so, one of them might have sired even this JOHN EAMES, and thus be ancestor to most of the AMES families. Traditional stories usually retain the basic facts, but sometimes make changes in detail. JAMES I of England, might be the only king JAMES known to someone who retold the story, so his name would be substituted for the older Scottish ruler. A story which has been told from generation to generation for 200 years would be certain to have SOME changes.

TABLE XXI—One Possible Ancestor For Most New England Ames Lineages

no sons	John Ames of Bridgewater	Anthony Eames of Marshfield
John Ames to America 1643	William Ames 1610 to America 1643	John Eames 1617 of Woburn
Richard Ames (died) 1615		Thomas Eames of Framingham
William Ames died (1626)	Marshall Ames of England	Robert Eames ? of Woburn
William Ames (died 1588)	John Eames 1560-1629 married Cyprian Browne	Thomas Eames married Margery Pierce
	Launcelot Ames of England	John Eames married Margery Crowe
	John Eames (died 1560)	

Unquestionably he was descended from the Heismes, Normandy, lineage which was first discovered in Cork County, Ireland in 1290. English reference books indicate that ALL the families by the name of Ames in Dorset and Somerset had the same origin.

At any rate, John Eames (1)* above referred to had three sons—JOHN EAMES (2) who married Margery Crowe, LAUNCELOT EAMES (2) who definitely died in England, and WILLIAM EAMES (2) of Somersetshire England. John's descendants are supposed to have produced the Eames families of Colonial Massachusetts and William of the Bridgewater AMES clan, as revealed below.

JOHN EAMES (2) and Margery Crowe had two known sons, JOHN EAMES (3) who married Cyprian Browne (and who was born in 1560) and THOMAS EAMES (3). There were probably others. From these came all early EAMES families in America.

THOMAS EAMES (3) probably went to Dorset, England where he fathered a large group of boys (supposed to be eleven in number) and all of whom came to America. The mother of all these boys was Margery Pierce EAMES. This is the prolific family referred to in group 1. Thomas is presumed to be a brother of JOHN EAMES (3) and son of JOHN EAMES (2) in this particular discussion—but he MAY have come directly from Ireland or Normandy or he MAY have descended from another group who DID. Dorset records are very confused and spotty.

JOHN EAMES (3) married Cyprian Browne and settled in Somerset, where he had four sons—maybe others as shown in Group IV. WILLIAM EAMES (4) came to America in 1638, settling first in Duxbury, then in Braintree. This exactly duplicated the activity of another William Ames who came in 1643, and resulted in almost hopeless confusion of ancestry in Eastern Massachusetts.

* See the chart on opposite page for graphic picture. The bottom name is generation number one, next line above it is number two. Continue to read UP to find which generation is referred to by the number in parenthesis.

Most of this William's descendants went to Connecticut while the 1643 group stayed in Massachusetts. John Eames (4) came to America in 1638 and married Martha Johnson in Boston. Henry Eames (4) also went to Boston, married Elizabeth and his family seems to have gone to Maine early in American history. Thomas Eames (4) is lost to researchers—he may have died childless, or may have come to America using another (perhaps the middle) name.

WILLIAM EAMES (2) died in 1538 in Somersetshire. He had two sons of record: MARSHALL AMES (3) stayed in England. WILLIAM EAMES (3) the other son, died in 1626. Of William's family, only RICHARD AMES (4) is known. Richard died in 1615, soon after fathering two sons WILLIAM AMES (5) and JOHN AMES (5). The grandfather must have raised the two boys. He is often referred to as their father. These two latter men came to Massachusetts in 1643 to sire the Bridgewater, Mass., clan—most prominent of all Ames families in America, and the only one to ALWAYS spell it AMES in this country.

Thus it can be seen that Anthony Eames of Marshfield, John Eames of Woburn, Thomas Eames of Framingham, Robert Eames of Boxford, William Eames of Duxbury, John and Henry Eames of Boston—all were first cousins or brothers. The Bridgewater, Mass., Ames clan would turn out to be second cousins once removed, to the others. This would fit in with the legal papers of Boxford and Woburn which reveal RICHARD AMES to be a cousin of that group.

It should be remembered that the families of this book (being Scotch ancestry, and originating in England later than the others) are probably not related to any of these referred to except by the use of a similar name. We are AMES by adoption—not by genealogical tracing to a common ancestor. Although originating in JEAMES we are foreign to the root JAMES families, too.

XVI

The Origin of Our Branch of the Ames Families

Although there are, necessarily, some suppositions and unproved conclusions in this chapter on the European origin of OUR AMES LINEAGE, the evidence is more complete than that from which many accepted genealogies have been assembled. Direct statements by members of our clan have been fitted together to provide the final picture—but this has only been done as the stories coincide with the facts of ancestry which have been generally known and accepted. This is precisely what professionals must do.

The writer has taken particular pains to check and double check every tracing of lineage before accepting it as fact. He spent four years tracing the pre-1650 New England Ames families before he realized that our branch came at a later time and could never be located in such a search. Practically all of them had originated in the AMYAS lineages of Britain proper, or in the Norman HEISMES group of Ireland and Britain. Only two Scottish Ames families were located—both being descended directly from British ancestors and remained as Scots but a short time.

In addition, the names NEHEMIAH and ABSALOM were completely missing in every lineage—and MARTIN or JABEZ, equally important in ancestral tracing, were rare. When Martin Ames or Jabez Ames showed up, the appearances were either too late in time or the complete lineage was available without ANY possible connection with our ancestry.

The necessity of finding Scottish ancestry to satisfy the known facts, finally eliminated the early pioneers of New England as possible sources for our family. The Ames name is not basic, however, to ANY Scot Clan.

The story printed below is assembled from available information, and where possible the source, or reason, for accepting is included in a footnote at the bottom of the page. The writer believes that the chances of the basic facts being true are at least 8 to 1, but he can not guarantee them. Indeed, every genealogist is limited by the accuracy of the facts that are presented to him. The most doubted theory may become most positive truth, and the apparently absolute truth may become completely false when one new authentic record is discovered.

The first available name in our lineage traces to a family by the name of Bruce which came from Normandy to England during the Norman conquest before 1300. Three successive generations of Robert Bruces appeared, the first of whom was one of several claimants to the Scottish throne; the second of whom married Marjorie, daughter of the Earl of Carrick; and the third one (born in 1274) was the great Robert I of Scotland, who successfully liberated Scotland from English domination in 1328, but who died in 1329, leaving the throne to his son David.

Robert's daughter, Marjory, married Walter¹ (the steward) to provide the fourth generation of the line. The son, (born in 1316) Robert II of Scotland, was known as Robert Steward at first, then as Stuart. He was the first of the Stuart line of kings in Britain, ruling Scotland from 1371 to 1390. He was 55 when he ascended the throne at the death of his Uncle, David I.

Robert III, son of Robert II, reigned from 1390 to 1406; James I from 1406 to 1437; James II from 1437 to 1460; James III from 1460 to 1488; James IV from 1488 to 1513; James V from 1513 to 1542.

¹ The lineage of Walter is also ancestral to our line and should be included here. Alan (a Norman baron) had a son who entered the service of David I (of Scotland, who served between Robert I and Robert II). His job was that as "Dapifer" or as it was later called "steward"—from which the Stuart line of Kings received their name. He died in 1246. His son Alexander served as steward until 1283, and was followed by HIS son James who was promoted to Regent. The son of James followed as steward—and that was the Walter (the steward) who married Marjory as indicated in the lineage on this page. Incidentally, Robert II of Scotland served as steward after Walter's death in 1326—remaining in his uncle David's court until 1371. Of course, he succeeded to David's throne because the uncle had no children and Robert was the closest in line of descent. It is interesting to note that the older Robert Bruce and Alan, the baron, were of the same generation.

Mary Stuart, “Queen of Scots” ruled from 1542 to 1567. At that time she was compelled to abdicate in favor of her one-year old son James. Although she did not die until 1587 (and then at the hand of Elizabeth I of England) her son had been crowned 20 years before, and actually controlled the government of Scotland after 1583.

James VI, born June 15, 1566 to Mary, Queen of Scots, and her husband, Henry Stuart, was thirteenth in the direct line from the first Robert Bruce of Normandy, and spent many years as an infant king before actually taking the helm of government, in 1583. Mentally quite alert, he was physically very frail. From 1583 to 1589 he battled continuously for his rightful position as king—finally in that year marrying Anne, princess of Denmark. This seemed to consolidate his position, and the birth of an heir started him on a successful reign that led finally to his accession to Elizabeth’s British throne in 1603, as James I.

One of his early acts as King of England, was to bring about the translation of the Bible—The King James version.* Among those partly instrumental in inspiring, if not assisting, in this feat was a Scottish woman. Although married in a convenient political alliance to Anne of Denmark, James spent months at a time living separately from her and history records many accounts of her

* One dares not rule out the possibility that one of James V of Scotland’s alleged illegitimate sons was actual founder of our line. This would possibly make all Ames families related at that point. Such changes are not only possible but likely in a 200-year retelling of such a story. Available records include no woman’s name among the translators, although our ancestor might have used a male name (as ALL ambitious women were compelled to do at that time.

complaints about his lack of ardor or sexual enthusiasm for her. Apparently the REAL LOVE that poets sing about was not present. At any rate, James the King had a love affair with this Scottish woman and although she was a commoner and could not marry him, she DID bear him a son.

This illegitimate son was at first given the family name JEAMES (the early Scottish and Elizabethan way of spelling it), just as the first of the family of Stuarts had been the Steward of Scotland. Later, this direct reference to the king became difficult to cope with, and the "J" was removed to make it EAMES.*

The name thus became identical with other Norman people in England and Ireland who had descended from the continent during the Norman invasion of the islands.

Illegitimate children were very common in those days and were not looked on as the result of immorality to the degree they are in this twentieth century. The technique of covering illegitimacies by using the father's name in disguise was a common practice and accounts for the sudden appearance of many strange names in England during this period.

A grandson of this half-breed royal son (whose given name and whose mother's family are not known for obvious reasons) was named Absalom Ames,** a Lieutenant in the British Army. He married Margaret Van Valkenburg (of Dutch ancestry but born in Germany) and came to the New World sometime not far from the year 1700.

* This is basically what Jabish Ames of Kansas told his youngest daughter, Elizabeth Mae—and what she declared to a representative of the author on her 91st birthday. The few additions have been made as a result of personal research by the writer.

** This information about Absalom was obtained from Mrs. Mary Tucker of Ottawa, Kansas, where he is referred to as a grandparent. (She remembers hearing her grandparents talk about it years ago.) To this is added the oft-repeated statement that our first ancestor came with or at the same time as William Penn. (The founder of Pennsylvania came twice—first in 1682, second in 1699. Each time he remained in this country only two years). Between 1682 and 1700 is a good guess as to the time of arrival for Absalom Ames. Immigration records for ABM. suggest "before 1679" as the time.

Margaret was probably a sister of the first Van Valkenburg* to come to America; and the marriage must have taken place in Europe. ABM, (probably Absalom) and MARGERY AMES were immigrants to Virginia (any territory south of New England) before 1679. New Jersey is likely locale—ABM. Ames appears among names there. it seems that ABM. and MARGERY AMES were ancestors of the entire Virginia, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania group of Ames families. making them distinct from the Massachusetts lineage.

Absalom of our line and Joseph of Accomac County, Va., were probably brothers, or father and son. The tradition persists in our lineage that our first American ancestor came from Glasgow, Scotland, as a stowaway, looked the country over, returned to Europe and brought the rest of them here to live. If Absalom had married Margaret Van Valkenburg in Holland or Germany, came alone to this country before 1679, and returned with wife and other relatives about 1679, settling in New York State himself—a lot of available jig-saw puzzle pieces of Ames tradition would fit into a perfect pattern.

Final settlement was near New York City, for it was in this section that the only Empire State EAMES, AMES, AIMS families existed before 1770. Absalom died before 1755, or retired from the army before that date, because American records after that date do not list him. However, descendants of SOME Ames ancestor** are found in

* The Van Valkenburgs were Dutch stock and settled in or near Albany, N. Y., the first (Lambert) coming to America about 1645. The name Margarita is so common in the family as to make absolute certainty as to which was Mrs. Ames almost a complete impossibility. Since Jabez (first known ancestor in Pennsylvania) was born in New York State, the connection is pretty definity. Absalom's wife must have been related to Lambert, and was married in Europe. Absalom's settlement in New York would be influenced by her Dutch ancestry.

** Martin Ame and James Amess were firemen in 1722 in New York City. In 1733 Mary Ame married William Green, in 1759 John Amies married Bena Scott. In 1760 Agnes Amye married George Callet; in 1762 Catherine Ames married Aaron Darling; in 1766 Mary Ame married Edward Morton; in 1773 Martin Aim married Elinor Harding, and in 1782 Margaret Aime married Robert Scott. This all precedes the first connected record which dates from a 1782 will drawn up by William Eames. The name Martin was still perpetuated as late as 1817 in New York City. Martin or James may have been grandparents—and William Eames (page 208) might be father to John, Catherine, Mary, Martin, and others.

New York City marriage and city council minutes before 1750. The existence of MARTIN AIM as one of the names suggests identity with the Pennsylvania group. Another factor to be remembered is that descendants of ERNEST AIM of New York City nearly all went west soon after the Revolutionary war. Contact with Rita J. Ames of Philmont N.Y.—a descendant of this ERNEST AIM has given much correlating information.

One of the pioneers in the New York lineage seems to be WILLIAM EAMES, who died in 1782 in New York City. At that time his will disinherited all the older sons, left his entire property to the widow MARGARET, and made small bequests to the minor sons still at home—Robert, Henry, William and Jacob.

The family had apparently divided sides over the War of the Revolution, with some older boys moving West or helping the rebels—probably accounting for the disinheriting action. The younger sons would thus not be involved. In keeping with this theory, the oldest of the four remaining sons received one Spanish Dollar as a total inheritance. The father himself, together with ERNEST AIM of the same city, was listed among the Tories or Loyalists during 1776 to 1781. If Absalom was 16th in the lineage from the Elder Robert Bruce, then William must have been 18th—a grandson.

Jacob and William remained near the father's home and Martin Aim lived not far away. Jonas and Nicholas Ames had their estates confiscated after the War—and George AIM* was a prisoner of war near Albany.

Although the actual connection between Absalom Ames and Jabez may never be traced with absolute certainty, the use of 35 years as a generation gives this revealing result: (although none of these dates are KNOWN.)

* Jonas, Nicholas, and George must have been uncles of our Jabez, as well as Benjamin Aim of 1790 census. Daniel, John, and William were listed as AIMS, AMESS, AMAR and AYMAR on different records. Charles Aims, a shoemaker; Peter Aims, a mechanic; John P. Aims, a butcher; John S. Aims, a tin man; Robert Eames, a shoemaker—are listed in city records. Thomas is Eanes one time and Elms another. Widow Eames (probably wife of William Eames) was a shopkeeper in 1789. The Aymars and Elms' were Loyalists along with William Eames and Ernest Aim.

King James (VI of Scotland, I of England) 1567; William Ames 1600 (who went to Holland as a Quaker Missionary and was probably the illegitimate son of the King); Lieutenant Absalom Ames 1632 (who married Margaret Van Valkenburg of Holland and may have been first to come to America); George Ames 1664 (who married Susannah George in 1689 in New York State and who was a Quaker by faith); Martin Aim 1696 (who was a fireman in New York City's early history and whose first name appears regularly in our own lineage) James Amess 1728 (probably a brother of William Eames and Ernest Aim of New York City and whose sisters are included among early marriage records there); Jabez Ames 1760 (which is the date indicated by existing records and by census listings—and whose wife, Elizabeth Smith Ames, was five or more years younger and was born in 1768). Most of these dates are speculative, but the first and last dates are known—and the number of generations. This averages out to just a little over 32 years per generation and coincides almost exactly with the following averages as shown in the known genealogy of the writer by lineage.

Jabez Ames, 1760; Nehemiah Ames, 1792; John Ames, 1828; Noah Ames, 1866; Richard Ames, 1905; Joyce Ames (Huyett), 1932; Charles Richard (Dickie) Huyett, 1954. All this totals up to 193 years for six generations—as compared with the previous paragraph's figure of 194 years (also for six). Both average to a fraction over 32 years.

If this record is correct, the writer is then 23 generations removed from the first available record (Robert I and Alan the baron) and his grandchildren are 25.

The William Ames who was born near Somersetshire near the turn of the century, possibly near Gloucestershire according to some records, is so distinct from the other AMES families as to indicate he is the illegitimate son referred to. His home life was unsatisfactory and his origin anonymous, but it is known he became a soldier early in his life, identifying himself with the KING'S ARMY, which was CHARLES I at the time (a

Table XXII—Ancestors of Jabez Ames

Based on the Statements of Members of the Family
and the Oft-repeated Traditions of Past Years
(Checked with Census and Other Records)

Bruce Family of Normandy	1	Baron Alan of Normandy
Robert of Normandy	2	Son of Alan, Dapifer
Robert Bruce	3	Alexander, Steward
King Robert I, Scot. born 1274	4	James, the Steward
Marjorie (daughter) married (5) Walter, the Steward		
6 Robert Steward II, King of Scotland (born 1316) 1371 to 1390		
7 Robert Stuart III, King of Scotland 1390 to 1406		
8 James I, King of Scotland 1406 to 1437		
9 James II—1437 to 1460		
10 James III—1460 to 1488		
11 James IV—1488 to 1513		
12 James V—1513 to 1542		
13 Mary, Queen of Scots, 1542 to 1567		
14 James VI of Scotland—1567 to 1603 who became James I of England in 1603. allegedly had illegitimate son—		
15. WILLIAM (J)(E)AMES		
16. LT. ABSALOM EAMES		
17. GEORGE AIM of NEW YORK		
18. MARTIN (believed first name) AIM.		
19 William EAMES, who died in 1782. N.Y. or JAMES AMESS of N.Y.C.		
20 Jabez AMES, born about 1760 in N.Y.		

Some items are accepted on overwhelming evidence,
Since Positive Proof is Impossible to Obtain

half-brother). Prince Rupert, son of Elizabeth Stuart, and grandson of KING JAMES was in the same group. He was probably a nephew of William Ames. Both Ames and Rupert were officers until the beheading of CHARLES in the Cromwell revolution.

They left the scene together and William Ames after 1649 was in the German-British navy with Prince Rupert. Elizabeth, Rupert's mother, had married a crown prince of Prussia, which provided the German contact for them both.

In 1655 Ames was converted to the Quaker Faith after a brief sojourn as a Baptist teacher and preacher. He parted ways with Rupert at this time, and in the following year went to Ireland and Scotland as a missionary for his new-found faith.

In 1657 he was in Holland where he took up residence in Crisheim or Krisheim with George Rofe. The next five years were spent in ardent advocacy of the Quaker belief—and he won many converts in Germany and Holland among Mennonites and Baptists. He was imprisoned as a madman (because of overzealousness) at one time,

By 1661 he had gone inland to the Palitanate, and finally extended his visits to include Bohemia, Dantzic and Poland before 1662 was over. He apparently overdid himself in his efforts for he was taken ill in 1662 and on August 31, was buried in Amsterdam, Holland.

There had been much reference in Quaker literature to William Ames at this time, and constant prayers for his recovery. He wrote often to Margaret Fell, a devout Quaker Woman of that era.

In 1677, William Penn, on visiting Crisheim said "the fine group of people here were gathered for me by the beloved William Ames."

There is no reference to Ames' early life, except to his sternness of manner and strict conformance to existing codes. He was an officer in the army, somewhere between sergeant and captain, and was marine officer under Admiral Prince Rupert. He was a confirmed Royalist!

His contacts in Holland and Germany, and his birth in England, make him ideal circumstantial father to Absalom Ames, next in line in our ancestry. Absalom was born in England, became a Lieutenant in the King's Army, married a German-born girl by the name of Margaret Van Valkenburg (but whose family came from Holland).

He is supposed to have come as a stowaway on some boat to America, then returned to England and invited other brothers to come too. He was listed as an immigrant from Bristol, England, to Virginia between 1663 and 1679 with wife Margery. Absalom and Margaret Ames, together with the son of King James I are pretty well established ancestors of our line on tradition existing within the group. It is interesting that Joseph Eames of Accomac Co. Virginia came in 1672.

The George Ames who married Susannah George in Quaker ceremonies in New York State in 1689 is probably the son of Absalom. Whether there were other brothers is not known. George was in New York State to be an uncle or ancestor of our lineage, for sure.

Martin Aim of New York fireman record was his son or nephew and James Amess must have been in the next generation—probably our ancestors, but all or any MAY BE UNCLES INSTEAD. The exact names and birthdates of our succession of ancestors is unknown.

Jabez, probably a grandson or great grandson of Lieutenant Absalom, early left his ancestral home in New York, settling in territory near Philadelphia, which was originally claimed by both Penna. and Md. (He is listed as having come from Pennsylvania in one record, from Maryland in another) to his final abiding place in Washington County). The region was somewhere between the latitude of York, Pa. and Washington, D. C., since this was in controversy between the two states. One good guess would be Cecil County, Maryland, where a group of AMIES people are listed in 1790 census—with no head of family indicated. Another would be Harford County, where BENJAMIN and HENRY EMES are listed previous to 1790. Still another would be upper Prince

Georges County, where a WILLIAM AMET is indexed—but photographic copies of his signature look more like AMES OR AMEZ. One other possibility would be Lancaster or York County, Pa., where a large number of AMER and Amet people are listed, along with EAMES and EMES just after the Revolutionary war—and where JOHN AMES lived in 1790.

He may even have moved about as a farm hand, for records tell of his meeting Elizabeth Smith in Maryland and marrying her BEFORE coming farther west. At any rate, he met DORSEY PENTECOST of the famous Maryland Dorsey Family. He joined forces with Pentecost in some way, possibly as farm hand or tenant farmer—or his bride might have been a maid in the Pentecost household (they were very wealthy land owners). Pentecost^s had owned 2,000 acres of land in Montgomery County, Va., before taking up a similar area in Westmoreland and Washington County, Pa. Financial difficulties beset Pentecost before 1800 and he is reported to have returned to Virginia where he died in 1802.

Just what the exact connection Jabez had with Pentecost may never be known, but it was sufficient to impress Jabez and Elizabeth Smith Ames. When Pentecost died in 1802, the son born to the Ames' at that time was named DORSEY PENTECOST AMES. This name was perpetuated by Absalom and Dorsey Ames in the West, and by Ann McAfee among her children in Kansas.

Elizabeth Smith (wife of Jabez) was born in New Jersey and was among those who went farther west after the Revolution. Apparently either her father or grandfather was named Nehemiah Smith (in honor of an ancestor, the Rev. Nehemiah Smith, who settled in Connec-

^s Originally Petticoat, the name Pentecost was originated to avoid the feminine implications of the older name. John Petticoat married a Dorsey girl and four sons, nephews, and grandsons by the first name of Dorsey appeared—in New York, Philadelphia, Maryland, and Virginia. The one who came to Washington Co. once owned over a thousand acres of land in Montgomery County, Virginia, before going farther north. Petticord is another derivative of Petticoat. Another possible origin of Pentecost is in New York City, where a Pencoat or Penecoast group lived—near the AMES families. Probably one of the ancestors of this group went to Maryland to be the Petticote who married into the Dorsey line and started the Pentecost family.

ticut). Nehemiah appears nowhere else among Ames families and disappears as a name after the second generation, even in our line.

First listed as JABIS SEAMS in 1790 census⁹ our ancestor seems to have lived for a time south of Washington, Pa. (possibly what is now Greene County) before going to Somerset Township. In 1792 he was on the Somerset personal tax lists (though not on the real estate list). The location was (by its position among other names) near the former Pigeon Creek Baptist Church, not too far from Bentleyville. Confusion of census takers was apparently terrific, for JABEZ AMES was listed in Nottingham Township in 1800. (The line between the two townships runs not far north of the old church location).

Unlisted in 1810, Jabez was probably a tenant of the younger Pentecost's farm, and included in the more than twenty names counted up for that man. In 1820 JABEZ BEAMS (a shoemaker) was living in Somerset Township—right at the location one expects for our ancestor. This must have been JABEZ B. EAMS (one of the spellings of our family name) and poorly copied.

In 1830 JABISH AMES was living in Somerest Township right in the midst of the Martins, Bentleys, and McDonoughs of Pigeon Creek fame. That same year he adopted ARTHEMOR DEGARMO (a lad of two) promising to teach him the art of shoemaking (which ties in with JABEZ BEAMS above). His signature is reproduced in a history of Bentleyville and shows him to have written it YABISH AMES at that time. The letter formations were indetical with those used by the writer's father (a great grandson of the old fellow).

Jabez, Jabish or Yabish died about 1835 (according to an Ohio History book) aged a little over 70 years. His widow, Elizabeth, was listed as aged 82 and living with Thomas Reed in 1850. She must have died soon after. No burying place for either has ever been found.

⁹ Jabis Seams is also claimed by some to have been really Jabis Simms. No proof exists for either. Simms descendants did emigrate from the area. Elisha Aimes appeared there in 1800, but soon moved away.

For one who has been so prolific in the propagation of the race, Jabez Ames is exceedingly anonymous, as far as records go. The only thing known about his burying place is that there was a private graveyard on a farm near the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church which was turned under, with all markers destroyed many years ago. An exceedingly old log cabin had been torn down at the same time.

Jabez, Elizabeth, Minerva, and Sidney Ames were all members of the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church in 1828 though earlier records were destroyed in a home fire a few years ago.

A series of events has transpired, one after another, sufficient in number to break the bank of Monte Carlo if they all happened together in gambling. 1. Early New York records were all incomplete (Jabez was born there). 2. New Jersey's early records were destroyed by the British in the burning of the Capitol in the war of 1812 (Elizabeth Smith Ames was born THERE). Not even census records before 1810 exist for New Jersey. 3. Maryland census records for 1790 were a mere rehash of a census taken right after the Revolutionary War, thus covering the period when Jabez was in New York, and missing the later period when he was THERE. (Jabez and Elizabeth are supposed to have come from Maryland to Washington County, Pa.) 4. Jabez and his family were apparently included in the census listing of another group and not listed independently in 1810. 5. The church records of HIS membership were destroyed, so reference back to an earlier period is impossible. 6. The graveyard where he and wife were buried was turned into farm land and his log cabin destroyed BEFORE the writer could get information. 7. Existing records are contradictory (a) The grandfather of John C. Ames was named Nehemiah Ames and listed as being born in Pennsylvania in 1760 by an Ohio history. (b) The grandfather of Demas Ames of Washington County, Pa. was listed as Jabez Ames, born in Maryland—a builder of one of the earliest log cabins in the county (in which ALL his children were born). (c) Jabez' oldest daughter

Table XXIII—Descendants of Jabez Ames

HANNAH AMES DEGARMO—October 9, 1790.

14 children, 27 grandchildren—incomplete.

Settled near Steubenville, Ohio.

NEHEMIAH AMES—September 24, 1792.

19 children, 65 grandchildren known.

Went to Williams and Defiance Counties, Ohio.

MARTIN AMES—1794 (?)—

5 children, 4 grandchildren—incomplete.

Destination Ohio, Indiana, or Michigan.

ABSALOM AMES—August 14, 1796.

14 children, 102 grandchildren known.

Crawford County, Wis., also Iowa and Kansas.

GEORGE AMES (?)—1798 (?)—

Children, grandchildren unknown.

Supposed to be in Iowa by 1860.

ANNA AMES MCAFEE—September 5, 1800.

8 children, only 9 grandchildren traced.

Ohio, California, Colorado, and Kansas.

DORSEY P. AMES—December 24, 1802.

7 children, 16 grandchildren—incomplete.

Muscatine County, Iowa and nearby.

WILLIAM AMES—1804 (?)—

5 children, 1 grandchild—incomplete.

Destination unknown—probably Iowa.

JOHN AMES—April 17, 1807.

10 children, 34 grandchildren known.

Remained in Washington County, Pa.

SYBIL AMES—1810 (?)

Children, grandchildren unknown.

Was probably still with parents in 1830. No other information available.

reported to a historian that she was daughter of JOSHUA AMES, the shoemaker, and was born BEFORE her parents came to Washington County. (d) Hannah, however, is listed by all her children in census records as having been born in Pennsylvania. 8. Census records deny the Pennsylvania and Maryland birth of Jabez and declare it to have been NEW YORK. 9. ELISHA AIMES appeared and disappeared in Washington and Greene Counties at just the right time and with just the right size family to POSSIBLY be the same man as Jabez—no record of any of his descendants can be found anywhere. 10. JABEZ AMES, although claiming to have taken a patent on his land, failed to file it with proper authorities so its exact location can never be found—and proof of his ownership is impossible to establish.

The record printed here satisfies all known facts—such as 1. The positive statement of JOHN C. AMES that we are Scotch by ancestry, English by name, and Pennsylvania Dutch by blood through many marriages. 2. We are shirt-tail relation to Mary, Queen of Scots—and Mary was mother of James 1 of England. 3. Our line did not come with the pioneers, but arrived after much settlement had been done, possibly about William Penn's time. 4. Not a single person of our lineage ever has been able to trace ancestry either to Mayflower descent or to Revolutionary veterans. (Indeed our ancestors proved their half-royal blood by LOYALTY to the crown during the revolutionary war). 5. All tracings back toward New England families end up in a blank—there is no blood relationship in this country at all—only in England can we be related to other Ames lineages.

The indication on census records in Kansas, tells that the mother of DORSEY McAFEE was born in Connecticut. Since he lists his father as being born in Ireland—he is apparently relating back to the point of origin, rather than actual birthplace. This is particularly true when it is remembered that Gifford McAfee said both his parents (Gifford was brother to Dorsey) were born in Pennsylvania.

Therefore, it is possible that our branch of the Ames family settled in Connecticut before moving to New York. This might tie them in with the Hugh Eames, Ames, Amos family of Preston, Connecticut. Hugh, Absalom, and Joseph (of Virginia) might have all been brothers.

These relatives appeared between Connecticut and Virginia and probably included JOSEPH EAMES of Accomac County, Va.; ABM., WILLIAM, and JOHN AIMES of New Jersey; HUGH AMOS of Preston, Conn.; ERNEST AIMS, WILLIAM EAMES, MARTIN AIM, and JAMES AMESS of New York City; and several AIMES, AMIES, and EAMES families of Philadelphia.

JABEZ AMES was born in one of these families near New York City, probably as an older son of WILLIAM EAMES. At the death of WILLIAM in 1782, the family scattered in every direction, only three remaining at home with the widowed mother. Several of the sons appeared in Columbia County, near Kinderhook; others settled in Cayuga County; some went to Pennsylvania or Maryland, including JABEZ AMES, the one who most concerns readers of this book.

JABEZ married ELIZABETH SMITH (of New Jersey) and had their first child, HANNAH, late in 1790 before going West to Washington County, Pa. In a log cabin near the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church, they raised a large family, all born before 1810.

By 1820, Hannah had married Jacob DeGarmo; Absalom had married Margaret Autengshu. Nehemiah had married Frances Craven, and Martin had also married and moved away from the cabin. Absalom had moved west to Guernsey County, Ohio; Anna married Francis McAfee and lived near her father, with the mother-in-law.

Ten years later Dorsey P. Ames had married, and with his sister, Ann McAfee, moved into Ohio not far from Absalom. John and William, younger sons, had also married and then lived in Somerset Township near Jabez.

Between 1830 and 1840, Jabez died. Martin had moved to Ohio or Virginia; only John, William, and Nehemiah remained in the county of origin. Hannah was living in

West Virginia (then called Virginia) across the river from Steubenville, Ohio.

By 1850 only William and John remained in the county, and the widowed mother was boarding with Thomas Reed. Nehemiah was in Northwestern Ohio, after a stopover in Wayne County, and Martin probably had settled somewhere near Akron, Ohio—for a grandson of his apprenticed there as a buggy maker soon after that. Some indications point to Indiana or Michigan however.

When the 1860 census was taken, only descendants of John Ames remained in Washington County, Pa., even William having disappeared—probably to Iowa, where a son of his, AMOS AMES, appeared. Others had gone to Kansas, Iowa, and Wisconsin—and some may have settled in Michigan. The widowed mother, Elizabeth, was dead.

In 1870, George Ames, a son or grandson of Jabez, reappeared for a couple of years, then died, leaving his Iowa land to his widow, AMANDA ROBINSON AMES. CANDIUS AMES, probably a son of MARTIN, also appeared, after a sojourn in Ohio, Indiana, and Brooke County Virginia, but he died soon after that.

With a probable 10 children, Jabez has 83 known grandchildren (and there are definitely a few others unaccounted for). The number of great grandchildren may be as many as 500—because the full lineage of only four children of Jabez is known. From these four, and fragments of the other six, however, over 250 known great grandchildren had been located in June of 1958. Very incomplete records total nearly 400 great-great grandchildren already known.

Greene County, Pa., records are filled between 1850 and 1880 with notations about various AMES families who lived there. They seemed to change locations from one township to another—and even between the Wheeling, W. Va., area and Pennsylvania. Not enough can be learned to make a connected story—but they were in some way related to Daniel Ames. Daniel, himself

was of uncertain origin, records varying as much as 20 years in his recorded birthdate. However, wife and children are the same for both men.

The writer knows that the foregoing leaves much to be desired in the way of positively proved information. There are many statements which have only circumstantial evidence to back them. It had been hoped that a clearly defined background could be traced.

However, in his work, the writer has found many well-written books in which evidence less concrete than used here has been presented as factual. In some cases these statements have become referred to by other genealogists as unquestionably true.

In several cases, these have been found with the passing of time to be completely erroneous. This has led to the determination that this book's unproved statements must be so identified.

However, "King James had a love affair and the girl, a commoner who helped with the translation of the Bible, bore him a son—even though they could not marry, and the 'J' was later dropped to make it AMES," seems definite enough. "Lt. Absalom Ames of the British army married Margaret Van Valkenburgh, born in Germany, to be grandparents of mine," doesn't lend itself to any misunderstanding. "Our ancestors didn't come very early—they came when the country was being expanded West" doesn't leave anything to the imagination. "Some of our forebears were associated with William Penn," doesn't need any amendment.

Upon such statement as these, fitted together with actual ship logs, government records, and historical facts, this chapter is based.

PART IV.

THE APPENDIX

*Additional Material Gathered
While This Book Was Being Printed
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And Including
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Insertions of Unintentional Omissions
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in the Appendix Brings You
Up to Date As of the Year 1959*

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PAGES 14, 15, 30, 31, footnote PAGE 48

Birthdate of Mary Ann Maxwell is given as October 11, 1840. This is a typographical error. Her birth is listed in census records as being the same as that of Jane Maxwell who married William Ames (listed on page 30). Therefore, Mary Ann's birthdate should have been printed August 9, 1818.

Jane Maxwell is listed in the 1860 census as having been born in 1923. There is no known way of resolving this confusion of dates for these two sisters.

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Frank Thompson died in 1957, leaving Dora Ames (No. 115) a widow for the second time. She was living alone on Chicago Avenue in June of 1958 when the writer visited her. "Aunt Dora", who is also a cousin of the author, has been very helpful with significant details of this book.

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Joyce Elizabeth Huyett was born to No. 504 (Joyce Elaine Ames Huyett) on March 7, 1956 in Hagerstown, Maryland. She was born exactly 25 months to the day after the marriage, February 7, 1954. She was named for her mother and for the father's sister, just as the brother had been named CHARLES RICHARD for the father and maternal grandfather.

Douglas Brinham Huyett was born to No. 504 on May 21, 1957. He was given the maternal grandfather's and the father's second names, reversing the pattern of Charles Richard, the older brother.

Julie Lynn Huyett was born September 27, 1958, fourth child of Joyce and Charles Huyett. It is interesting to note that she arrived BEFORE the fourth birthday of her oldest brother, Charles Richard, listed on page 56 in the body of the book. Three grandchildren have entered the one-daughter family of the writer between the start and completion of this book.

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Sarah Frances (Dollie) Warfield (No. 64 on this page) was buried on Sunday, February 19, 1956 at Hicksville, Ohio. This left Winfield Ames (No. 62) the only living descendant of John C. Ames in the summer of 1956. He was still living in February of 1959.

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83. Julia Byers (24) was born October 31, 1889. She married John Alexander Cameron, born June 11, 1880. Their marriage took place on February 18, 1913. John Cameron died May 2, 1924, and Julia married Charles J. Walker on December 25, 1927. Julia died August 9, 1947.

The second husband was born December 3, 1880 and lived until July 26, 1950.

83a. Loyal G. Cameron (83) was born August 21, 1914 to Julia and John Cameron, their only son. He married Doris Mavis on June 8, 1933, and they were divorced in 1938. Loyal married Doris Esther Saylor June 1, 1945.

83b. Mary Ellen Cameron (83a) was born September 1, 1936 and she married Loyal Halles on December 24, 1954. She was daughter of Loyal and Doris Mavis Cameron.

83c. Patricia Ann Cameron (83a) was born September 27, 1946. She was daughter of Loyal and Doris Saylor Cameron.

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621. Roseann Ames was born January 11, 1828, (not 1852).

Isaac Bush (No. 723) was born in 1852, and married Mary. They had the following children:

723a. Mabel Bush (723) married John Durban. Their children include:

723b. Edith Durban 723a who married a man by the name of Campbell.

723c. Jack Durban (723a).

723d. Mary Durban (723a).

723e. Bill Durban (723a).

723f. Another daughter was born to Mabel and John Durban. The name is not available to this writer.

723g. Ralph Bush (723).

732h. Ruby Bush (723).

723i. Donald Bush (723).

John Bush (No. 725) was born in 1859.

Willam Bush was born in 1849.

"Sis" was Margaret Bush born in 1856.

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Barney Bowman, Jr. (No. 801) had the following children:

801 a. Martha Bowman, who married a Mr. Beighly and moved to California.

801 b. Ralph Bowman, who has moved to Carnegie, Pa.

801 c. Bertha Bowman, who married a man by the name of Brown and moved to Pittsburgh, Pa.

801 d. Mary Bowman also moved to Pittsburgh.

801 e. Daniel Bowman entered the military service.

801 f. Edward Bowman was youngest child in this family.

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Bert Rohrer (No. 836) married Margaret and had two children, Alice and Earl.

Nann Rohrer (No. 841) married a Mr. Hartley, and had a son named Lloyd.

Ruth M. Ames (No. 868) died January 25, 1957 at Marianna, Pa., never having married. She was not yet 62 years of age, but had been in retirement from her job as stenographer in Pittsburgh for about two years because of ill health. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Clyde.

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Elsa Ames (No. 866), wife of Frank Workman of Markleysburg, Pa., was one whose identity has been learned since the page was printed.

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ORPHA JANE AMES (No. 627 on this page) married twice. Her first husband was Frank Wilcox. Later she married B. Milford Lucas. There were no children by either marriage.

IDA AMES (No. 746 on this page) married ISAAC White (not John as listed in the book). Son John White (No. 874) never married and is now deceased. Son Louis White (No. 875) married and moved to Canton, Ohio, where they have one son.

Clyde Eugene Ames (No. 882) married Irena Katherine Bonham on December 23, 1939. They have two children:

882a. Janet Lea Ames was born April 1, 1945.

882b. Gwyneth Joanne Ames was born May 4, 1948.

Donard (note the R instead of L) Norwood Ames (no. 884) was born in 1903 (not 1904). In 1925 he married Maynelle Scully. Their children include:

884a. Veda Mae Ames married a man by the name of Sowers and they had two children, David and Charles.

884b. Donard Norwood Ames, Jr., married Joann Adams and they have had two daughters—one named Deborah. Name of the other girl is not available.

884c. Patricia Ann Ames married a man by the name of Myers. They have two sons.

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Elizabeth Ferguson Ames (No. 731) died in March of 1957 at the age of 81 years. It was among papers in her possession that reference to Frederic A. Ames of Owensboro, Ky., proved him to be a relative of our lineage.

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Julia Newkirk Ames (No. 731) died March 6, 1958, two months before her 85th birthday. On Christmas eve of 1957 she and John Ira Ames had celebrated their 62nd year of married life. Her health, however, had not been good for several years.

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Mildred Ames Farrell and husband "Bob" have moved to Florida where he is seeking to recover from chronic illness which has beset him for about five years.

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1038. William Arthur Stein (810), born July 18, 1930, graduated in 1948 from Saltsburg High School. He entered the Navy in 1950 for a term of four years and returned home to farm the homestead. His name was omitted in printing due to typographical errors in the composing room at the school where this book was produced.

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Nancy Bernita Ames (No. 1050) announced her engagement in January of 1957, to John Kenneth Blakeway of Bentleyville, with no date set for the wedding. After graduating from Bentleyville High School in June of 1956 she accepted employment at Meadowbrook Farms Dairy, at Eighty-four, Pa., Route No. 1.

PAGE 135 and 146

Letters from descendants give many varied spellings for the wife of Absalom. AUTENGOHO is one; another understands it to have been HOTENGOHO; still another says it is correct as printed except that an H should go before it to make it HAUTENGSHU. References in Washington, D.C., do not list ANY NAME by any of the spellings at all. There is no way at this time of resolving the matter.

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Elizabeth May Harbeson died in 1960, aged 93 or 94. It was she who remembered hearing JABISH AMES (page 136) tell the story about King James and the origin of the Ames name.

PAGES 141 and 146

Elizabeth Ames (on this page) should be listed as born December 12, 1823 instead of 1842 as printed. Mary Jane was born in 1845, Margaret in 1847, and Lincoln in 1880. Sarah Ann was a twin of Absalom Kirkbride in 1855.

PAGE 143

Rachel Harriet Ames McGarry died October 30, 1957, aged 84 years. She had suffered for years with arthritis, and was seriously crippled for some time before her death.

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Mary Patience Tenney died in 1959.

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Mrs. A.T. Hammonds of Tucson, Arizona is listed as a daughter of Harriet and Martin Host—this should be: HARRIET and MR. YENCER.

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Joseph Ranson Ames (listed near the center of the page) died Christmas day in 1958, aged 85 years. This leaves Franklin Pierce Ames aged 83, and Lucindia Hutson of Dubuque, Iowa (pages 140 and 150) aged nearly 89—the only living members of the Dexter Newton Ames family.

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The further investigation goes, the more likely it becomes that this ELISHA AIMES is either directly connected with our line—or is actually another name for JABEZ. The appearance of ELISHA in the family of HENRY AMES of Harrison County, Ohio, further marks the identification.

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Correspondence with HAROLD AMES of Coshocton County, Ohio, a descendant of this HENRY AIMES, tells of the Henry and Elijah immigration as listed on this page. It seems almost certain, in the light of the writer's later research, that this Henry and Elijah were sons of ABSALOM and MARGARET AMES. The fact that they came from Germany and maintained identity separate from the Massachusetts clan seems to give them relationship to our line rather than the pure English strain of New England.

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No. 8, ABSALOM DEGARMO, listed here was married to Priscilla. They lived in the 33rd District, Marshall County, Va., in 1850, with MARY E. 1846, Rose, 1848, and Taylor 1849.

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Mehitabel must have died soon afterward, and David then married Mary Penniman. This is the ONLY David Ames of record in Braintree, Mass.

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Joshua Ames, listed as being born October 12, 1771, should be recorded 1751. This is a typographical error.

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The Thomas Ames, listed on these pages as being married to Margery Pierce, was actually married to Millicent. It was the oldest son, ANTHONY, who married Margery Pierce.

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Mounting evidence, all circumstantial and none of it documented, indicates that the illegitimate son here referred to was first named ABSALOM JEAMES. (Absalom, of course, was King David's son in Bible history, and would be a perfect name for a boy born under these circumstances. Literally it would mean "the Son of King James.") William then became an adopted name and the last name became shortened to Ames. Absalom later probably was picked up by the first or second generation descendant.

Census records of 1800 and 1810 help establish the identity of Van Valkenberg and Ames families—but no direct contact has yet been made with anyone in the lineage. In 1800 MILBERRY Van Valkenburg was in Columbia County, N.Y. In 1810, he or his son, now spelled MILBREY was in Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., aged under 45, with one son and three daughters. The family had vanished by 1820.

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In the first paragraph on the page, reference is made to the locale as being New Jersey. Although records of that state are incomplete, references in early history tell of mail being sent to AMESTOWN, New Jersey, U.S.A.

It was also in New Jersey that a sheriff and a Mr. Ames walked up to a man named HIRAM SMITH and took his wife "Betsy" or Elizabeth with them. He was outraged, but could do nothing about it. The record is found in old court testimony fragments for the period between 1785 and 1790. Could this be our JABEZ and the girl our own Elizabeth? Could this have happened just before the trip to Maryland and Pennsylvania? It is the only connection between an Ames and an Elizabeth Smith the writer has found.

New Jersey also had ABM., WILLIAM and JOHN AIM men serving in the Revolutionary War.

John Ira Ames (No. 733 on page 112) gives considerable credence to the idea expressed on this page that ABSALOM and JOSEPH Ames were brothers or father and son. He declared in conversation with the writer that he remembered hearing his grandfather JOHN AMES (No. 620, page 95) talk about AMES RIDGE. The site selected by JOSEPH AMES in Accomac County, Eastern Shore,

Virginia, before 1700, was known as AMES RIDGE, and portions of it are still in possession of descendants of the pioneer.

One cannot rule out the possibility that the WILLIAM and MARGARET AMES referred to in the second paragraph on this page were WILLIAM ABSALOM AMES and MARGARET VAN VALKENBURG AMES.

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Ernest F. Aims, grandson of the Ernest Aim mentioned on this page, married Maria Louise Burtnell January 17, 1838, and died May 8, 1865 at Hamptonburg, Orange County, N.Y. Children included:

Jacob Martin Ames was born October 29, 1838.

David Burtnell Ames was born November 20, 1840.

John Phillip Ames was born January 17, 1843; died within a few days.

Clement F. S. Ames was born August 3, 1844.

Russell Township, Russell County, Kansas census listing in 1860 included the following entry:

CLEMENT AIMES—born 1844 in N. Y.

ALISTA AIMES—1844—born in New York.

HENRY D. AIMES—1876—Kansas.

ERNEST F. AIMES—1878—Kansas.

Ruhana Waring Ames was born October 8, 1846, and died November 22, 1860 at a girls school in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Ernest F. Ames, Jr., was born June 4, 1848.

William F. Ames was born August 21, 1851, and he died April 15, 1930. His son was also named William, and two children, Stanley and Rita, were born to him—from Rita this information was secured. She lives at Philmont, N.Y. Her father, William Ames died in 1958 while the writer was corresponding with her about this family tree data.

Margaret Bruce Ames was born July 31, 1854.

Edward W. Ames was born March 29, 1856,

Marie Louise Ames was born January 15, 1860. She died September 13, 1873. For some reason, she was not recorded in the 1860 census roll.

This group seems almost certain to be descended from the same pioneer stock as the lineage of this book.

All of these married and went West many years ago, leaving only William and Ernest in the New York area,

Remnants of the family were found in the Columbia County census records for 1860, just before the father's death, thus: RUHANA, ERNEST, WILLIAM, MARGARET, and EDWARD were included in the census listing with SAMUEL and SALLY JUDSON in Hillsdale, N. Y.

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